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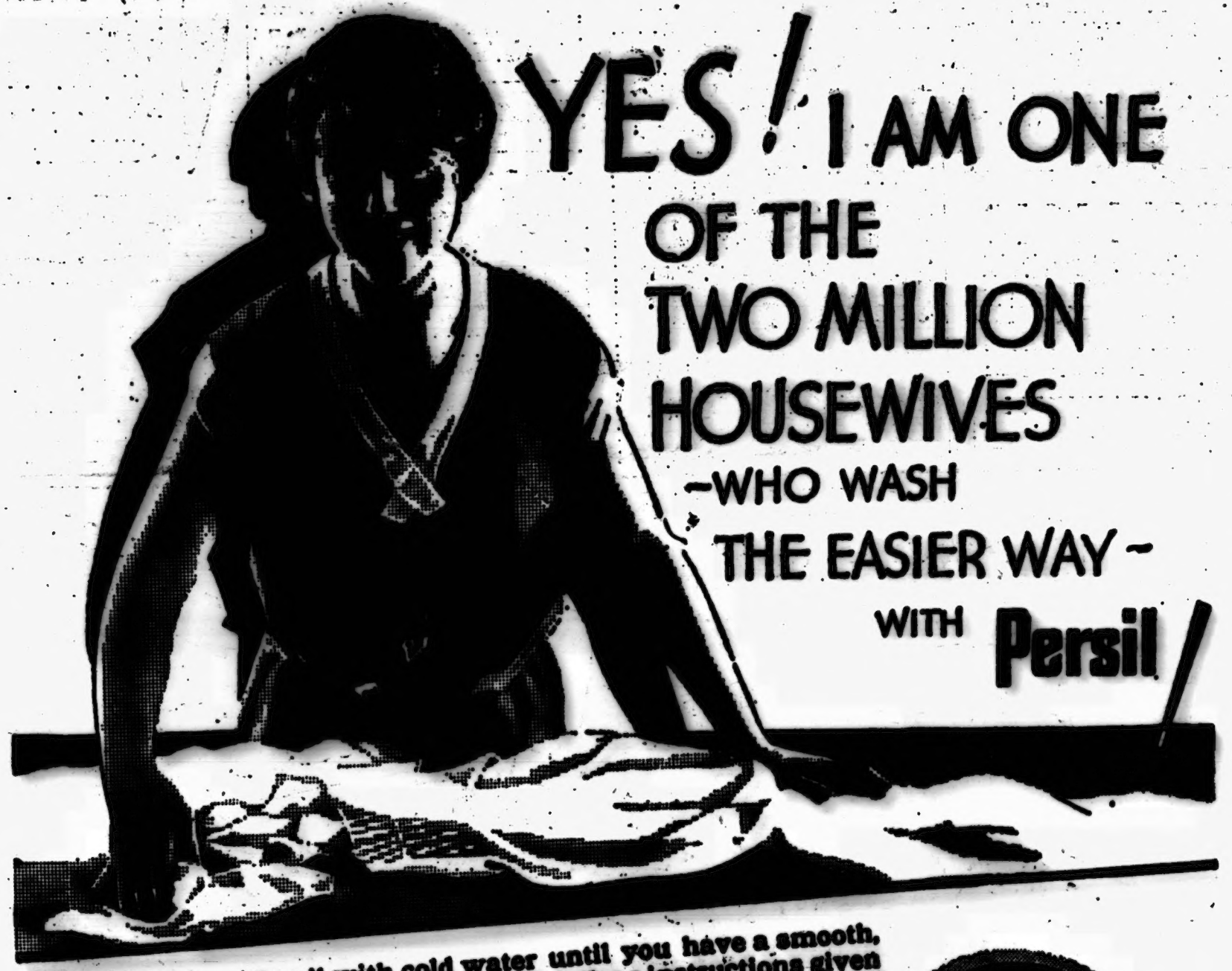

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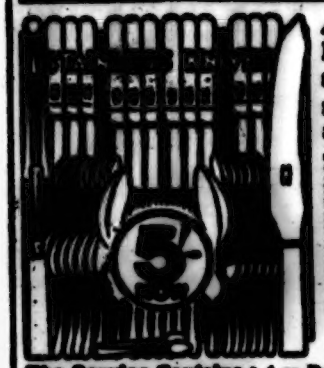

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A complete list of 1,021 2/6 Prize winners can be seen at the offices of "John Bull."

The original cheque for £250 awarded to the First Prize-winner in "Bullets" No. 250 will be displayed in the window of Mr. H. J. Phillips, 91, York Road, Hull.

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3. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

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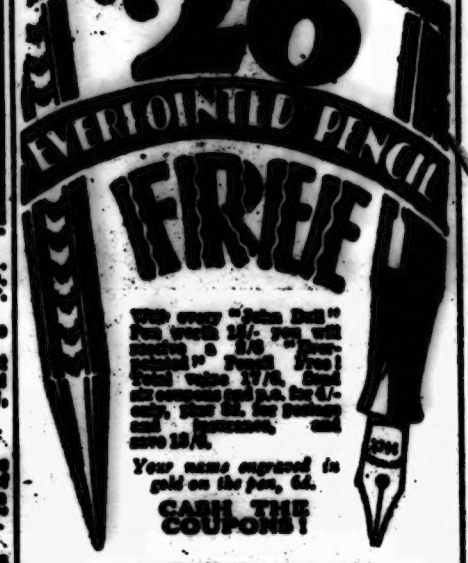

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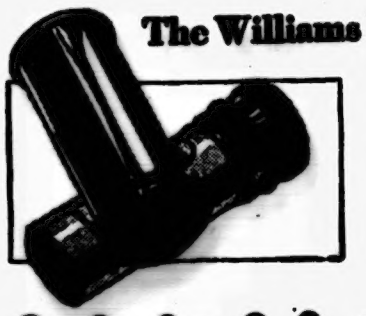

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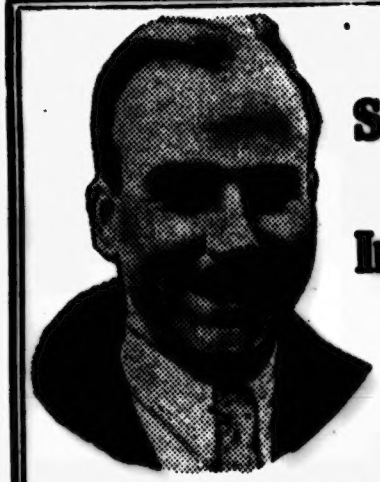

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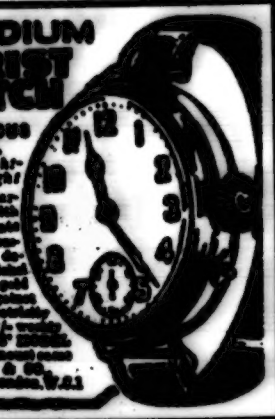

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Our Word to Austen.
Long ago we advised Sir Austen to "keep it simple." A twister is always liable to find himself twisted. Peace and the fair thing for all are what Britain wants.

Only an Echo.
Mr. Baldwin's famous letter urging electors at by-elections to "Vote for the Government that is restoring prosperity to the country" has been "recalled," not even a second-hand copy being obtainable. Significant!

Admission.
Mr. Churchill's confession that he got through difficult times by "now one shift and now another" has left electors cold. The "Pity me, I'm only little, but doing the best I can" stunt isn't wanted in politics.

Feebleness.
The fact is, the more Cabinet Ministers say the less they shine. They've allowed the industry of the country to get into a hole and don't know how to get it out—and the less they say the better.

Complacence.
"Nothing calculated to shatter the domestic serenity of the Party" is how the *Times* described the agenda for the Conservative Conference at Yarmouth. With statesmanship sitting bankrupt amid industry's downfall, it's appalling complacency.

The Rock of Safety.
The League of Nations meetings proved once again the League's immense value—not only by the good it does, but by the mischief it prevents. Everything is forced into the open, and when the world knows about it, the plotters tumble.

Up and On Again.
The real upshot of the Geneva meetings was the determination of the vast majority of countries to get disarmament genuinely going again next year. It is up to our Government to change tack and take the lead on the flowing tide.

Slow, but Sure.
The League of Nations has decided that "sufficient security now exists to justify the conclusion of a general disarmament treaty." Good—but where is it?

A Sight for the Nations.
Except on the opium traffic, the British spokesmen at Geneva made a wretched spectacle of dilly-dallying and reaction. For the good name of Britain we need a new spirit, a new policy and new men.

The "Cure" by Pension.
"Pensions at sixty" to remedy unemployment—as argued by Mr. Frank Bailey in last week's John Bull—has attracted attention in important quarters. Nothing in principle prevents it from becoming common ground for all Parties.

"Practical Politics."
To pension the old instead of keeping the young idle on the "dole" can be presented as a business proposition, balancing national efficiency against cost. It may yet tempt Conservative Party managers feeling desperately the need of a good election card.

Nearer Home.
A Consul-General urges British manufacturers to find new markets on the United States Pacific coast—because it is a country without slums. Abolish slums in our own country and British factories would find a big new market at their very doors.

Level-headedness.
The proposed exclusion of class-war agitators from Labour Party platforms will provoke bitter controversy. All the same, it's a sane move.

Energy.
There are 487 Labour candidates already in the field and selection of others to fill the remaining 115 constituencies is going forward. In dead-on-time organisation Labour gives both historic Parties points.

Those Who Dare, Do.
Another score by the Labour Party is the annual statement of sources of income and channels of expenditure. Refusal of any Party to publish such details looks fishy.

Why?
London coal prices are expected to rise by shillings a ton as cold weather advances, and as a consequence less coal in many directions will be consumed. That's one reason why more miners are not given more coal to get up.

A Hopeful Sign.
Women are taking more and more interest in food prices. It is time housewives wakened up. They have political power, and when they learn how to use it they can ease their own domestic difficulties.

A Hint.
The qualities of food should also be a matter of enquiry by women. Low standards in essential foodstuffs mean a lowered physique all round in the nation's child life.

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Dates to Remember

Put your clock back on Saturday, October 6, and put your "Bullets" forward for our record 600 Guineas prize by Thursday, October 11. (See page 39.)

Yankee Babies Score.
In America, non-standardised cod-liver oil is forbidden. Here, cheap and nasty kinds are offered freely. The health of poor children pays the difference.

See-saw.
As one item of food drops in price another goes up. Until profiteering is checked official cost-of-living figures will remain a brazen sham.

Profits.
Runner beans sold by growers at ½d. per pound are sold at 2½d. to 3d. per pound in shops. Quite a neat bit of interest for the trouble of turnover!

Waving Fields.
Corn this summer in America has grown stalks 12 ft. 6 in. tall, and in Canada some has reached 15 ft. with ears beginning 8 ft. from base. How to use Nature's bounty for the good of all is still humanity's chief problem.

White Plague.
Tuberculosis, still the bane of Britain, hardly ever finds footing in a Jewish home. The food eaten there is purer. That's all.

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Important!
Earl Jellicoe, chairman of the British Legion and chairman of the Church of England Council of Empire Settlement, rarely writes an article. When he does he has something to say. On page 15 he discusses the vital question of emigration. Read it!

S O S
Miners' homes are now being sold up for non-payment of rates. We prophesy the cruelty is only piling up another and bigger debt for the future to face.

Cheering News.
Great Britain and France have decided to collaborate in studying measures for safety in mines. It's the sort of reciprocity between nations we have always urged.

Sharing Knowledge.
Geological difficulties have ensured Continental engineering being brought to a fine art. The proposed exchange of engineers between France and England means united effort that will eventually save hundreds of lives.

Decent Decisions.
Distributors in Cumberland, Westmorland, Northumberland and Durham are not going to increase milk prices to consumers. If this can be done in these districts, why not in others?

Senseless Smoker.

For endangering 500 lives by smoking in a colliery where safety-lamps were required, John James Tibbits, of Nuneaton, received the ridiculous maximum fine of £5. Prison should have been the punishment.

Grass or Asphalt.

We are glad that fields as well as playgrounds are to be added to the new council schools at Willesden. There is no reason why the "playing fields of Eton" should imply that less-favoured schools must be content with an asphalt yard.

What a Man!

Foul-mouthed and abusive to his wife, whom he hit as well as their baby, William Collins, of Two Dales, is a wretched specimen of manhood. Now that he has 25s. weekly maintenance to pay, perhaps he will take the magistrate's advice and behave himself.

Scales of Injustice.

However correct his scales, Bertram Bagnall, a Rotherham fruiterer, could not register just weight by standing them on an unevenly topped box. A 40s. fine will impress on him the value of keeping his apparatus and his dealings on the level.

Passing Him On.

It was a half-hearted spirit that induced the Chesterfield borough magistrates to sentence Patrick O'Brien, a persistent beggar, to one day's imprisonment on condition that he left the town. He is likely to be wanted nowhere and landed in prison unless he is put to work.

Shylock's Victim.

An ex-Service man at St. Helens fell into the clutches of usurers, and was hounded to an unnatural death. His widow was left in dire distress, but her sad position was temporarily relieved by Coroner Brighouse with £5 from his poor box. Well done!

Poor Mites!

It is not good enough that mentally deficient scholars should remain unnoticed and unimpressed by teachers of the normal class. Mr. Dick, of the Bridlington Education Committee, must stand by his guns in contending that expense must not preclude provision of special schools for them.

Keep Them Apart!

Even though he was beyond his parents' control and already convicted, there is tragedy in committing Fred Rushworth, nineteen, a Bradford trimmer, to six months for stealing a bicycle. Lads past putting on probation need a special training-home away from the society of lags.

Inhuman Shepherd.

A £2 fine with 19s. costs is absurdly small for ignoring advice to kill a sheep that had broken its leg when being dipped, and leaving it in great pain in the market. David Mansel Jones, a Llanarthney farmer, may think himself lucky after violating all that is implied in the age-old term of respect, a shepherd.

Double Stupidity.

The self-described action of John Oswald Cowgill in giving a ticket to England to an alien as purely stupid generosity is nothing to the stupidity of keeping Igino Adolf Ballabene a month in jail for landing contrary to the Aliens Order. The Brighton magistrates should have been able to deport him forthwith.

Not Taking Any!

The decline of casuals at the Spilsby workhouse, attributed to gruel being given them for breakfast, has at least woke up the authorities to wishing that genuine work-seekers, easily distinguishable from loafers, could be better nourished. The House Committee is urged to stick to its point. Gruel is no fare on which to perform a day's work.

Showing the Way.

Irish legislation is commendable for the way it seeks to solve the housing problem. Boards of guardians can obtain land under compulsory powers if landowners refuse to sell. Thus, neat, four-roomed cottages are built and let at 1s. 1d. per week, thereby keeping men on the farms instead of flocking to the cities.

One More.

Another drop of misery was wrung from the mining tragedy when Edward Dougan, of Cleland, Lanarkshire, hanged himself at Eatonia, a Saskatchewan farm. Orphaned and lonely, he had arrived as a harvester only the day before, proving that prolonged unemployment had done its fell work before the poor fellow sailed.

The Pity of It.

A victim dogged by his past, John Granger, a sixty-three-year-old man who has spent a third of his life in prison, has again been sentenced at Edinburgh to four years' penal servitude. Such punishment is a poor protection of society. Granger is another proof that it makes more criminals than it cures.

We Are Not Surprised.

Indignation is rife at Christchurch against the meanness of a local resident who lost a bag containing jewellery and £60 in cash. When it was found and restored by Mrs. Barlow a shilling was offered as a reward. The law which fixes penalties for theft should provide for a just proportion to be awarded to the finder of lost goods.

The Human Machine

MIND YOUR LIVER!

by *E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.*

WHAT is the best thing that life can offer you? If you had your pick of all the prizes in life which of them would you choose?

I don't think that is such a difficult question as it sounds. What is there in life that can compare with really good health?

If you have that you have really everything else; if you have not, you cannot get very far.

It is life's greatest gift. With it you can get money, a good position, that very job you are coveting. You can do anything you want to do if you are really well.

I don't mean by being really well just being in a position to say you are not ill. I mean real, abounding health, buoyant and bubbling over.

Before you can say you are really well, you must be able to be really active, both bodily and mentally; you must be able to know real contentment of mind; you must be able to face worry and destroy it without letting it worry *you*; you must be able to enjoy being alive; and you must be able to make the best of things as they come.

BEING really well means being well in mind as well as in body. For just as the mind has a tremendous influence on the body, so the body has a tremendous influence on the mind.

You cannot have a healthy mind in a body that is not feeling well, any more than a violinist can draw good music from a violin that is cracked and broken.

The next time you feel worried and depressed, the next time you find the world a rotten place to live in, don't blame the world before you have had a look at yourself.

It is ten to one that you need a tonic! It is surprising how much depression can be caused by a liver!

The Golden "Now."

The memory of such as Mrs. Brindley, of Brixton, who, on the point of being fatally knocked down by a passing car, managed to throw clear her four-year-old toddler, will always remain as a poignant example of mother-love. Thousands of unnoticed sacrifices are made by women for their children, and appreciation before it is too late would make the life of many a woman happier.

Let Him Try!

"There are plenty of workmen bringing up large families quite respectably on 30s. a week," said Dr. W. Hunter, a Pontypool guardian, when the allowance for a poor widow was under review. What is their state of physical fitness he did not add, nor how food, clothes, light, fuel and housing for a large family can be procured out of thirty bob.

The New World.

To "make it impossible for men to witness such carnage as we saw in 1914–18," a preliminary conference, making arrangements for a Universal Religious Peace Conference for 1930, has been held at Geneva. East and West are at last joining hands in one great endeavour to make war impossible, and best of all are taking time itself by the forelock.

Tennis First.

Fortunately, such a man as Sydney Sanderson is in the minority. Seeing a woman who had attempted to set herself on fire in the local park, he secured entry to a tennis-court before apprising the attendant, who waited still further for a gardener to be found before going to look after her. No wonder such shocking conduct was severely censured by the Hull coroner.

Bound for Success.

Congratulations to Mr. J. Spedan Lewis for turning his £2,000,000 drapery company from an old-fashioned autocracy into a profit-sharing concern, in which each of the 2,000 employees automatically participates in its successes. The modern employer will win through with greater honour than his father for remembering that those who work deserve to share the rewards.

Still Asleep!

Though improvements are derived in cases of children's rickets and glandular tuberculosis from use, under the medical officer's supervision, of the Stretford Urban District Council's mercury vapour-lamp, overcrowding and faulty and insufficient diet retard progress, and treatment in a few cases has had to be suspended. The national conscience is still not very wide awake.

Pensioner's Plight.

One of the latest scandals of an ex-Service man's appeal against being obliged to accept parish relief has come before the Hertford and District War Pensions Committee. Passed A1 when he entered the Army, C3 when he left, diabetes-ridden and threatened with paralysis and cataract, the case of this R.F.A. ex-soldier is another nail in the coffin of national justice.

Still They Fall.

After victimising more than twenty women, Lealie Raymond, thirty-eight, a South African, has been sentenced at Bow Street to twelve months' hard labour. We wish it spelt the end of such heartless frauds on the hapless, but have doubts. So long as women confound casual "romance" with love, there will always be exploiters to take advantage of their folly.

A Good Lead.

Hayes, built primarily for Great Western Railway employees, is becoming notable for brightness and cleanness in paint and colourful gardens. Over two hundred houses, and more in building, are managed by a utility society composed of the men themselves. The most rapidly growing and brightest little town in the Greater London area, Hayes shows what working folk can do when they are given access to the land and liberty to manage their own housing affairs.

Hard on Both.

Neither the landlord nor the tenant has his due respecting a Bradwell cottage. The former cannot get possession as the Bakewell magistrates rightly refuse to turn out a man, his wife and six young children, who in their turn complain of the dwelling being intermittently flooded. The real escape from the horns of this dilemma is for the council to tackle house-building.

Fortune without Tears.

"Together we peeled onions for about fifty years, but they never made us 'cry,'" says the widow of Mr. Peter Tyler, of Kennington, who, unable to read or write, with a capital of 6s., died worth £6,579 accumulated by peeling onions for pickle-makers. To know what one can do and do it, no matter how modest-seeming the result, is worth any amount of expensive apparatus in fortune-building.

Poser for Politicians.

We suggest that voters should ask candidates at the coming election how it happens that a Food Council appointed by Parliament lacks the power, or the will, to check such ramps as the Jersey tomato swindle. Recently these were bought wholesale at 8 lb. for a penny, yet the ruling retail price was 4d. and 5d. per pound. If this cannot truthfully be described as barefaced robbery, we don't know the English language.

Misdirected Money.

Three per cent. of the exceptional number of casuals in Yorkshire alone are under twenty-one, and 15 per cent. between twenty-one and thirty. That capital, as Mr. William Graham, M.P., claims, is being poured into artificial silk and semi-luxury enterprises instead of the heavy industries of coal, iron and steel, comes home as a terrible wrong in face of such figures representing wasted youth.

What Good Was It?

"Totally blind, without legs or the use of hands or arms, in constant pain, yet he is cheery. . . . For two years paralysed from the waist, blind and stone deaf, yet he rarely complains." We dare not dwell on the spiritual triumph of these wrecks of men who, after ten years' cessation from war, people St. Dunstan's. The heart knoweth its own sorrows, and we must be fools who think war in any way justified for causing such unremitting suffering.

Dangerous Dodging.

Ernest Henry Sadler, a Southsea builder, should thank his stars that only twenty cases were selected when he was charged with failing to pay health contributions on behalf of employees, for in all he had rendered himself liable to fines totalling £42,000. He was called upon for £45 14s. 6d., composed of arrears, costs and fines, which should serve to teach him that the State is not to be plundered with impunity. Even then, he can count himself fortunate indeed.

Muddled Logic.

Dr. J. Johnstone Jervis, Medical Officer of Health for Leeds, is the latest advocate of large families for happiness, with equally ruthless condemnation of only children. We approve the ideal under proper conditions, while disliking sweeping generalisations. A medical officer of health, of all people, should know that reckless parentage is one of the biggest problems in the muddle of slums and unemployment as we have them to-day.

Hounding Them Out.

Driven from his work, which he was performing conscientiously and well, by the poisonous tongue of an informer, who whispered to the employer that the man had been convicted of an offence, Thomas Brown broke into a house at Winchmore Hill. On the promise of the master to take him back, Sir Montague Sharpe wisely bound over Brown. We have supreme contempt for those evilly disposed busybodies who will not permit a fellow to go straight if he would.

Clever Confidence Coup.

Shop-assistants in London areas should look out for a short, plump-featured stranger, who is very active at present. Recently he visited a shop in Spitalfields in the absence of the proprietor and asked the assistant to put him through to his employer on the telephone. Then, after a brief conversation on trade terms, he turned to the listening assistant and intimated that he would take certain goods and settle with the proprietor personally. The ruse worked and he departed with goods to the value of several pounds! He has not been heard of since.

Will Donallon Get His Due?

At the risk of wearying our readers, we have repeatedly exposed that arch-rogue Edward Wilfred Donallon, who has operated for years as the leading light of Graham Marsh and Co., Ltd. Now that this stock-and-share shark has at last been forced into bankruptcy, our persistency can perhaps be forgiven. The public examination, just concluded, reveals liabilities of no less than £10,242! What is to happen now? Donallon must not be allowed to escape punishment, for his company was nothing more than a cloak for his swindling activities.

More Envelope Addressing!

The latest offer of home-employment emanates from Thos. W. Whitfield and H. Stoppett, who describe themselves as "commercial publicity specialists," of 2a, Duke Street, Darlington. But there is nothing new about it. They have a "few vacancies" for envelope-addressing, but they have gone to the trouble of printing circulars and application forms in order to obtain that few! Moreover, they want all applicants to send them a postal order for 10s., and make the express stipulation that it shall not be crossed! This is fee-snatching at its crudest.

Still Dallying!

On September 14, we drew the attention of the Ministry of Pensions to the fact that Mr. W. J. S. Brown, of Poyston Cross, had been unable to obtain a decision on his claim to an education grant for which he applied in May, and, although the autumn term has already commenced, the only information the Ministry can give is that "difficulties have arisen and a decision will be arrived at as soon as possible." It was only last week that we found it necessary to comment on the dilatory methods of the Ministry and the officials responsible should be given a smart rap over the knuckles.

Not After the Last Shilling.

Two years ago, a reader entered into an arrangement with M. P. Maloney, of 70, Wells Road, Totterdown, Bristol, to pay weekly instalments for a photographic enlargement of his son. The total cost was to have been 25s., but after 24s. had been paid, the photographer failed to appear to collect his final shilling or to deliver the promised enlargement. The fact that letters are now being returned from the Bristol address marked "Gone away" only confirms the truth that doorstep photographic touts are not to be trusted.

What is an "Augmenter"?

Mr. P. Arlington, of Canford Hall, Bournemouth, has apparently devised a racing system which he is pleased to term the Arlington Augmenter. Up to August 7 of this year he claims that a £10 capital has yielded a return of £1,640; but it would seem that Mr. Arlington is not satisfied with this profit, handsome as it is. At least, he is now offering to divulge his wealth-bringing secret to anyone who will send him 5s.! If the purchaser finds the system successful he must remit a further £5 1s. after clearing £50 profit; if the system fails, however, Arlington augments his own income by retaining the initial 5s. It sounds all right—for Arlington!

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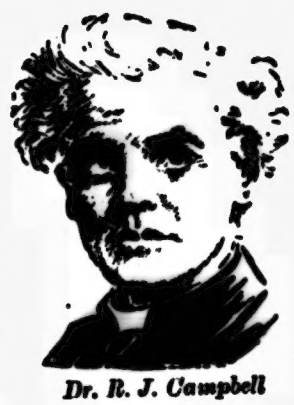
FIRE — STORM — SICKNESS — ACC'DENT — "John Bull" covers you free. (See page 2.)

Problems of Life

Tongue Waggers

by *the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.*

THERE is a saying that evil is wrought by want of thought far more than by want of heart. This may not be true all the way round, but it seems to me to be true of one form of mischief-making, and that is gossiping about one's neighbours.



Dr. R. J. Campbell

Terrible suffering not seldom results from this habit, suffering that the person chiefly to blame may not intend to inflict.

It is the outcome of silly, irresponsible talk, bristling with inventions and exaggerations.

This sets rumours going and cannot stop them; they spread like fire on a heath in a dry summer. Suspicion and scandal grow and mount as if fanned by the wind until at length they burst into a roaring conflagration, leaving blackened ruin in their path.

MANY happy homes are destroyed in this way, promising lives blighted, hearts broken beyond remedy.

I repeat that very often the person who starts a train of evil like this has no deliberate intention of producing such dire effects.

It is all done by talk. There are people who never cease talking except when asleep, if then, and who are incapable of talking about anything except personalities. They have not an idea in their heads except "he said" and "she said" and the like.

The talk may have a spice of malice in it or it may not; but persons who are for ever talking are bound to create misunderstandings, sooner or later.

Some gabblers are quite reckless in what they say both about friends and enemies. They are governed by the mood of the moment and careless of consequences. Often, too, they have a clever way of slipping out of the net themselves and leaving others entangled in it.

Sometimes vanity is the ruling motive. The talker likes to convey the impression that he or she is in the confidence of someone of importance, so details of his private life are poured forth without strict regard to fact.

These are licked up greedily by the listeners and passed on; but never is a tale repeated exactly as heard. The victim is lucky if it is not twisted and distorted out of all recognition and used to his discredit.

WHY it is that so many people prefer to believe evil rather than good of their fellows is a mystery, but so it is, as we all know to our cost.

There are some natures that cannot bear to hear others praised and therefore will drop a hint here and a nod there to detract from a good reputation if they can.

This is no more a feminine than a masculine trait, though the contrary is frequently asserted.

Keep clear of the tongue-wagger. He is no safe companion at the best and at the worst he is a pestilence.

Miss Mercedes Gleitze

FAMOUS CHANNEL SWIMMER EXPOSED

Curious Miss Gleitze

SINCE claiming in 1927 to have swum the English Channel (and, incidentally, receiving a £500 reward from the *News of the World*), Miss Mercedes Gleitze, ex-typist and Brighton-born daughter of a German baker, has received more publicity than the average Cabinet Minister.

We propose to furnish her with another cutting for her scrap-book, but we fear that it will be publicity of a different character from that to which she is accustomed.

We will briefly pass over her prize-winning Channel swim with just the observation that it would be more satisfactory for all concerned if Miss Gleitze followed the lead of other Channel swimmers claiming the achievement, and invited the Channel Swimming Association to make a complete investigation of all available evidence.

Where the money?

What we are immediately concerned about is the "Mercedes Gleitze Fund for Destitute Men and Women," which, we suggest, has now existed quite long enough for Miss Gleitze to have furnished some indication as to what has happened—or is happening—to the large sums of money she has handled since she announced that all the proceeds from her swimming victories and public engagements had and would be devoted to the fund.

In fact, in April this year, the *Queue*, a magazine then "edited" and published by Miss Gleitze, announced that "it is hoped very soon to begin building operations."

Perhaps Miss Gleitze will now explain where the money is coming from—and also where what she has had from the public is gone.

Apart from a sum of less than £200 now in the hands of the Public Trustee, where is the remainder of the money contributed to this queer fund that never boasted a treasurer and payments to which went through Miss Gleitze's own private account?

At the present rate of progress, it would be years before the "House of Brotherhood" materialised. The plans in her magazine show numerous buildings, which would "accommodate about 500 persons in comfortable quarters."

The proposed scheme would "cover about five acres." The dining-hall alone was to accommodate 250.

Where the cost of maintenance was to come from was not mentioned.

It will readily be seen that the Channel girl quickly found herself out of her depth after her decision to pose as a public benefactress.

To-day, we are able to reveal, she is struggling to make ends meet. Badly in debt, she is even compelled to pay weekly instalments on her dress-making bill from the proceeds of her daily appearances at Blackpool.

We are at a loss to understand why a girl who claims that she is only drawing a salary of £3 weekly and is devoting the rest of her earnings to charity should need within less than a month to run up a bill with a West End costumiers for nearly £70.

Coats and gowns

We cannot reconcile such items as a £9 9s. evening coat, a £6 6s. tweed and leather coat, and various stylish gowns ranging from £5 15s. to £6 16s. with a genuine attempt to work for "destitute men and women," particularly when the only money available to pay for such luxuries is public money.

Nor can we understand how Miss Gleitze can leave a dog she bought for her own pleasure in quarantine at Folkestone until a bill of something like £30 accrued and then explain her weekly instalments towards this debt as "English Channel expenses"!

The girl's irresponsibility is added to by the fact that while she was at Tangier she neglected even to open letters addressed to her by her secretary, her bankers, her creditors and her friends.

Even wirelessed cables were ignored, and yet, although too "busy" to attend to the necessary affairs of her "fund" in this country, Miss Gleitze was not too busy to attempt to launch a further scheme for another "House of Brotherhood" in Tangier!

Inglorious departure

This "Brotherhood" was to cater for 150 men and 150 women at "an approximate cost of £50,000." But, in this case, it was to be made "self-supporting."

With her affairs in chaos in London, her secretary cabling and writing her frantically, she blissfully solicited patrons for this second wild scheme.

Despite the reams of publicity she received through her swim across the Straits of Gibraltar, Miss Gleitze left Tangier in a manner which can only be described as inglorious.

She arrived back in this country with only an attaché-case. Moreover, a wireless set which had been loaned to her was retained at her hotel towards money owing there.

Miss Gleitze had received the greatest kindness. She had been allowed to live there free, only being asked to pay the small gratuities which are, of course, added to Continental hotel bills. This she neglected to do.

Profitable postcards

The proprietor of the hotel was anxious that the British public should know that he took no part in Miss Gleitze's scheme for raising money in Tangier. All he did was to keep her at the hotel free of charge.

He knew that Miss Gleitze was selling picture postcards of herself and soliciting subscriptions, and perhaps Miss Gleitze, among other things, will explain what has happened to this money as well.

To mention only one week of her contract at Blackpool, £10 6s. 3d. was received for postcards sold, and this, added to her salary of £25 a week, made a total of £35 6s. 3d.

And yet, of this amount, only £12 7s. 3d. was paid into the "House of Brotherhood" account. The rest went in expenses and paying her debts.

Apart from the dog she left in quarantine, the dressmakers, the Tangier hotel, etc., Miss Gleitze's creditors also include a well-known firm of hire-purchase furnishers. Blackpool has also helped to pay off that debt.

Apart from the *News of the World* £500, Miss Gleitze has had a big income. Apart from donations, the sale of postcards, calendars and sketches (thousands of which were printed) and magazines, there have been her public appearances.

Misguided foolishness

She received, for instance, £100 from the Plaza Cinema and £200 in fees from other newspapers and music-hall engagements.

Space does not permit our referring to numerous other paid engagements in public, on the posters announcing which it was clearly stated that the proceeds would go to the "fund."

Her office in Belgrave Road, Westminster, is now closed. Her secretary has ceased to function. Her auditor has resigned. And the public are wondering.

We suggest to this very foolish—and possibly misguided—girl that she places all her affairs in the hands of a competent authority and immediately retires from public life, for which she was never intended.

The ability to swim and spend money are the reverse of proof of an ability to run a charity involving large amounts of money.

BEATRICE *the Bluffer*

THE other day a fashionably attired lady of middle age visited a West End store, and, intimating that she had extensive purchases to make, asked to be shown to the shoe department first.

She gave the name of Beatrice Hall, and her address in an exclusive London square.

She was, she confided, acting on behalf of a young heiress who was about to be married, and who was anxious that her wedding should be a very fashionable affair.

It was her mission now to inspect various ranges of gowns and shoes with a view to determining whether her friend's bridesmaids could be suitably equipped at this establishment.

Good taste

Some time was spent in inspecting a comprehensive stock of smart shoes, and Mrs. Hall exhibited a most discriminating taste. Only the most expensive style seemed to appeal to her.

Finally she asked that certain ranges should be set aside for her until that afternoon, when she would return with the eight bridesmaids who were to officiate at her friend's ceremony.

In the course of her inspection she had shown particular interest in one pair of dainty shoes. These, she intimated, she would like for herself.

She tried them on and they fitted perfectly, so, expressing great satisfaction, she proceeded to write out a cheque there and then.

After her departure, careful arrangements were made for the reception of the eight bridesmaids that afternoon, and all the costly footwear that Mrs. Hall had selected was placed in readiness.

It was labour wasted, however, for none of the anticipated bridesmaids turned up and no explanation was volunteered by Mrs. Hall to account for any change in her plans.

Enquiry revealed the fact that Mrs. Hall was unknown at the exclusive address she had given, while the smart wedding that she had spoken of so convincingly had been kept so secret that Mrs. Hall seemed to be the only person who knew anything about it!

Clever adventuress

Meanwhile, however, her cheque, drawn on the Fenchurch Street branch of a famous bank, was returned marked "No account," with the sorry tidings that several others like it had been similarly foisted upon unsuspecting people.

The truth is that this woman is a clever adventuress.

Apart from coups of the above nature she specialises in staying at first-class hotels, living in the lap of luxury, and then disappearing without paying her accounts. She is a queen of bluff and we hope she will soon be brought to book.

BLUE-BLOODED ROGUE: *Amazing Sequel*

Whines That Don't Cut Ice

MYTHICAL MONEY-BAGS

OUR issue for September 22, in which we exposed Hector Raynor Sutherland Leveson-Gower for a series of shady financial transactions, had not been on sale many hours before widespread interest was aroused.

Anxious people lost no time in getting into touch with us on the subject, and one of the first to approach us was Leveson-Gower himself.

In a letter dated from his country residence, Shawley House, Worcester Road, Malvern Link, he stated that our article had caused him regret. This we do not doubt, but before making further comment, let Mr. Leveson-Gower speak for himself.

While admitting that the parties to whom we referred in our article had cause to complain, he fervently declared that many of his "weaknesses" were attributable more to "foolishness than wickedness."

Lamentable liaison

Much of the trouble, he went on to explain, was due to the fact that he had been blackmailed by several people following his lamentable "momentary connection" with a rogue named George Stephenson.

As the latter is now in jail his view of the matter is not obtainable. But Leveson-Gower has a long criminal record himself, so perhaps Stephenson might regard their association as equally lamentable!

In bringing his letter to a close with remorseful assurances that he would do his "utmost to do the right thing by all and sundry," he craved for sympathy on the score of having been engaged for two years in protecting and helping a man whom Stephenson had ruined.

This sounds very noble, but it would have been more to the point if he had been equally considerate—not for one, but for dozens of his own victims!

Heartless humbug

For we have no hesitation in denouncing his whining epistle as one long rigmarole of humbug, and, in support of this, we have only to give the experiences of some of the other people who have approached us since our article appeared.

One is a gentleman who came to England a few months ago as the representative of a colonial syndicate, which needed capital to finance a very sound trading proposition.

Upon arrival he advertised his requirements and was speedily favoured with a number of replies. Amongst these was one penned upon impressive notepaper, bearing the signature of H. R. S. Leveson-Gower, whose famous name at once inspired confidence.

Subsequently, Mr. Leveson-Gower, who invariably makes much of his influential friends and backers, told this gentleman that he could quite easily raise the capital he required provided suitable commission and expenses were paid for his services.

In a most businesslike manner, Mr. Leveson-Gower examined all the documents relating to the proposition and, having done so, confidently expressed his readiness to raise £34,000 by his own personal influence.

He could not, however, accept less than 15 per cent. commission, made up of 5 per cent. in cash and 10 per cent. in shares.

Anticipating that he would raise at least £12,000 within three weeks, Leveson-Gower then asked for an advance of £50 for "expenses."

The weeks passed, however, without the desired result, though further substantial advances had been made.

But Leveson-Gower did not allow his victim to grow faint-hearted, but lulled him into a false sense of security with such exhortations as: "I have found the proposition difficult, *but I can get it done!* You will not find many who would tackle it—but I am a fighter, *and will win!*"

To-day he is certainly the winner, for the dupe is leaving England without a penny of the promised capital!

All that Leveson-Gower has furnished is a bill of exchange for a large sum of money due, and as this document has been dishonoured by the bankers, his so-called "services" have proved costly indeed.

Warning note

Many such worthless bills are in existence, and many people have been similarly duped.

Almost daily creditors and investors are besieging Leveson-Gower's office at 59-60, Chancery Lane, London, in the forlorn hope of saving something from the wreck.

Several lost money in a company promoted by Leveson-Gower called Reprographs, Ltd., and much annoyance has been caused to a reputable firm called Reprograph Studios, of 10, Long Acre, W.C., owing to the fact that Leveson-Gower's swindling venture was so similarly named.

George Stephenson, the crook Leveson-Gower blames for his downfall

Though Leveson-Gower's company collapsed more than a year ago, victims are still wrongly assuming that the Long Acre concern has some connection with it.

Leveson-Gower is now busily engaged upon the promotion of a concern called the Sutherland Commercial Development Corporation, Ltd., in which name he proposed to apply to the public for £10,000.

This money is to promote various industrial and financial projects and rosy prospects are anticipated.

As Leveson-Gower has brought nothing but misery and financial disaster to countless victims and "investors" during the past few years, we are glad to be in a position to strike a warning note in time.

OURS IS A NICE HOUSE—

for Pigs to Live in!

ACCOMPANYING this article is a picture. A glance will tell you that it is not an edifying picture, for it represents a tiny tumble-

Hannaby's "Home"

down structure in advanced stages of decay.

A mound of rubble is at the door, but that is not surprising, for the front of the building is in a terrible state. Three rows of brickwork have fallen from the top and a fourth is beginning to crumble.

The roof, too, from which several slates are missing, is caving in alarmingly, and the end wall has an ominous bulge.

Yet this sorry structure, which you would rightly condemn as unfit for the lowest of God's creatures, is at present the "home" of no fewer than eight human beings.

Beyond the pale

Mr. Edward Thomas Hannaby and his wife have been forced to reside there with their six children for some time past.

The postal address of this dwelling is "off Jones Street," Rhos. It is certainly beyond the pale of civilisation.

A few weeks ago Mr. Hannaby returned to this abode in a rainstorm to find the water pouring in through the roof. It moved him to despair, and his long-pent-up feelings got the better of him.

In a fury he dashed off to the home of a local councillor and challenged him upon his own doorstep, asking why it was that he had not been allotted a council house.

Dear protest

The councillor could not tell him, whereupon Mr. Hannaby became abusive, with the result that he was handed over to a policeman.

On subsequently being charged with using threatening language, Hannaby made no effort to excuse himself. He admitted that his temper had run away with him and expressed regret.

It was put forward on his behalf that he had been on the register for a house for over twelve months, and that it was easy to understand the anxiety he felt at the prospect of having to face another winter in such a squalid and insanitary house.

To his credit it was said that he was "a decent fellow," born and bred in Rhos. He was therefore bound over for twelve months and asked for two sureties of £5 each, at the same time being called upon to pay the costs, 7s. 6d., and £1 1s. advocate's fee.

Hannaby's protest has thus cost him dearly, but we feel that it is a pity that it should have been necessary to add to his burdens by inflicting the above penalties.

For the wonder is not that Mr. Hannaby should have voiced an angry protest, but that he should have contained himself in patience for so long.

Authorities must move

Good may come out of Nazareth, however, for Hannaby has at least succeeded in drawing public attention to his plight, and, though we regret the methods he adopted, we are proud to support his cause in these columns.

And, with the limelight upon them, the authorities must surely tackle the duty that awaits them.

It might expedite action if the Housing Committee could be forced to hold its next meeting in the tumble-down structure "off Jones Street," Rhos. Especially if it rained.

An AMAZING WEDDING BREAKFAST

No Beans but a Beano!

FOR some time past a number of people have had grave cause to regret their business transactions with an individual named Isral Berent, a Polish Jew, who, although he came to this country many years ago, has never been naturalised.

One of his first considerations was to relinquish his foreign-sounding name for that of I. Barnett.

Just prior to the war he was employed by a tailor, but working for others did not appeal to him, and he subsequently established himself in business as a costumier, in Seven Sisters Road, London, N.

At the outset he would appear to have met with some success, and, with remarkable generosity, suddenly decided to present this business to his daughter Fanny.

Restless ambition

He then commenced operating again as a blouse manufacturer, this time electing to trade as the Stamford Manufacturing Company.

This latter business, however, was not presented to a relative; indeed, it is doubtful whether he could have found anyone to accept it as a gift.

It ended up with liabilities of £1,052, whilst the ultimate crash cost the creditors 17s. in the pound!

After this he wisely returned to tailoring for a spell. But his ambition would not allow him to rest and he ultimately launched forth as a boot and shoe retailer in Caledonian Road.

Not understanding this business, he employed two managers, upon whom he was dependent.

The result was that one manager stocked the shop with goods obtained on credit which proved unsaleable, while the other was rather too experienced and caused his employer trouble by purloining his goods!

This, however, did not mark the end of Barnett's troubles, for soon after this a fire occurred on his premises, which proved very disastrous for his creditors.

Shortly after this the business was transferred to a concern called "Maison Kitty, Ltd.," which was formed, with himself and a son as directors, for the purpose of taking over the wreck.

Now, no adequate books had been kept, but from figures available, the liability at the time of the formation of the new company was £2,468.

Deeper in the mire

That the finances were in a very tangled state is clear from the fact that a temporary cash-book recorded only amounts far below the actual profits from the sale of goods obtained on credit.

Barnett was in the habit of freely deducting whatever he desired in the way of salary or expenses, without recording such deductions.

The value of such a cash-book is, of course, negligible, and as Barnett never troubled to keep proper profit and loss accounts, never had a balance-sheet, and never did any stock-taking, the chaos existing at the time of the formation of Maison Kitty, Ltd., can readily be imagined.

As a matter of fact, when Barnett formed that company, he knew full well that he could not hope to pay his creditors, and that he was only plunging further into the mire at their expense.

Before Maison Kitty, Ltd., was four months old, it was borrowing money on debentures, with the result that finally a receiver was appointed on behalf of the disillusioned debenture-holders.

Sir Marshall Warmington, J.P., Registrar in Bankruptcy

Although Barnett was careful not to place on record the extent to which he was benefiting personally from the above transactions, there are one or two items known to us which throw considerable light on the matter.

While his creditors were vainly pressing for their just dues, Barnett guaranteed the banking account of one of his sons to the extent of £100.

Impudent squandering

His recklessness is shown by the fact that he was overdrawn at his bank, and he was subsequently proceeded against in consequence.

During the midst of his frenzied finances his daughter Kitty got married, and although he could not pay his creditors, he was able to invite eighty guests for the wedding breakfast and 300 other guests for a dinner and reception.

Wine flowed freely, and Barnett paid £335 for the banquet, which helped to swell his final bill of £550.

Where did he get this money? We are able to reveal that it represented a substantial proportion of the money obtained from an insurance company in respect of the fire to which we have already referred.

In thus squandering cash that should have gone to his unfortunate creditors Barnett has crowned his efforts in a most impudent manner.

Instance after instance of this kind might be given, and this man's tangled affairs, which are now in the hands of Mr. Registrar Warmington, are so involved that months must necessarily elapse before the true position can be fully ascertained.

Meanwhile, however, the facts narrated above should arouse the interest of the Public Prosecutor.

AIR FORCE IMPOSTOR *UNMASKED*

Bombs among the Jam Pots

A SMART young man of thirty, who explained that he was a commissioned officer in mufti, drove up to a Wandsworth provision merchant's the other day and asked to see the proprietor.

He was Lieutenant G. M. Grimshaw, he confided, and was the officer in charge of the mechanical section of "D" Company of the Royal Air Force, which was about to be transferred from Aldershot, by order of the Air Ministry.

The move would be made by air and the N.C.O.s and men would arrive *via* Croydon later in the day. Meanwhile, he had motored up in advance in order to make all necessary messing arrangements.

A policeman had directed him to this particular shop as a likely place for obtaining all necessities, but if the proprietor felt that the proposition did not interest him perhaps he would be good enough to suggest some other establishment in the locality where a mess contract could be placed with confidence.

Baiting the trap

The provision merchant was more than interested as it happened, especially when the lieutenant added that a long-period contract to supply his mess with all its requirements would be assured so long as the Air Ministry ultimately approved of the terms.

Lieutenant Grimshaw then opened a military despatch-case and produced a number of typewritten documents which he proceeded to hand up one by one to the provision merchant for examination.

They were headed "Mess Account, Mechanical Section, 'D' Company, Royal Air Force, Aldershot," and were devoted to comprehensive lists of the various provisions that would be required.

Upon being asked whether he was in a position to cope with regular orders on such a scale, the provision merchant hastened to assure his visitor that he was.

The officer then uttered a sigh of relief and expressed satisfaction at having accomplished at least one of the many duties which devolved upon him as a result of this sudden transfer.

Vexing position

He then furnished an address to which the goods were to be sent, and, intimating that he must now hurry away to inspect the new quarters, took his departure.

He returned a little later to say that, in talking over the question of messing contracts, he had not noticed the flight of time. The banks were now closed and he had foolishly run himself short of cash.

The position was rendered all the more vexing because it was Saturday and there was the week-end to be bridged. Moreover, except for the provision merchant, he knew nobody in the district to whom he could turn.

With profuse apologies for troubling him, and with an air of great diffidence, the lieutenant produced an official cheque voucher, headed "On His Majesty's Service."

This was made out in his favour for £15 10s. and was signed "R. H. Davey, Commanding Officer, Aldershot."

Amazed authorities

If the provision merchant could cash this voucher for him he would be deeply indebted, as he had several rush jobs to complete and he had already lost valuable time in a fruitless errand to the bank.

With the official document before him, and the mess account order-forms in his possession, the proprietor saw no reason to doubt the officer's story, and he accordingly handed over the cash without question, being only too glad to render this small service to so very charming a person.

The lieutenant warmly expressed his thanks and hurried off once more, pausing only to remind the other of the hour when his men would be on hand to supervise the arrival of the first consignment of goods when they came to hand.

When the appointed hour came, however, and the goods were despatched to the new quarters of the mechanical section of "D" Company, R.A.F., the latter could not be traced at all.

A telephone call was put through to Aldershot with no better results, for the authorities there were amazed at the queries and knew nothing whatever regarding the transfer of the section in question.

Lieutenant G. M. Grimshaw, too, was quite unknown in the R.A.F., while the official cheque-voucher which he had so diffidently passed was eventually proved to be a clever forgery.

Cunning fake

After these discoveries had been made, the provision merchant was not surprised to find that the mess order-forms, despite their convincingly official appearance, had been cunningly faked by a man with an eye for the smallest detail.

While enquiries are being made in order to ascertain how the cheque-voucher and order-forms came into existence, complaints of similar coups are cropping up on all sides.

But as the self-styled "Lieutenant G. M. Grimshaw, R.A.F.," has only recently embarked upon this ingenious method of living by his wits, we trust that this exposure will be in time to prevent him from adding to the number of his dupes in the future.

Have You Seen HAIRLESS HERBERT?

False Hair and Fairy Tales

WIGGY'S WANGLES ON WOMEN

IN Wednesbury, Staffordshire, there resides a thrifty widow, who makes her living by letting apartments to good-class travellers.

Amongst her recent guests was a refined gentleman of uncertain age, who contrived to retain a certain air of youthfulness by wearing an expensive wig.

Herbert Franklin was the name he gave, and, on taking apartments on the alleged recommendation of a local gentleman of influence, he gained the confidence of his landlady by his charm of manner and apparent honesty of purpose.

He soon dropped into the habit of talking most frankly about his personal affairs, and confided that he was a Londoner with a considerable sum of money at his disposal.

He had lately been travelling about the country, it seemed, with the intention of selecting a suitable business in which to sink his savings; and it became apparent, from the trend of his conversation, that the motoring business interested him more than any other.

Money to be made

There was a lot of money to be made out of a well-appointed garage, he would say, especially if it were established in a position where competition was negligible.

Wednesbury, he confided one day, was far more hopeful than other towns he had visited, and he was, in fact, at present negotiating for a site which was eminently suitable for his purpose.

For some days Mr. Franklin busied himself anxiously in the preliminary negotiations, and, having made a confidant of his landlady, regaled her with details of his daily progress.

Finally, he announced that he had won through with the owners, and, having purchased the land at his own price, was approaching a firm of builders with a view to erecting a modern garage.

Philanthropic suggestion

He also produced papers which showed that his step-father, after a thorough enquiry, was now willing to invest £500 in the scheme.

This, he confided, was proof positive that the opportunity was a promising one, as his step-father was a very shrewd business man who never parted with a penny unless he was satisfied beyond doubt that a proposition was thoroughly sound.

One day, with the philanthropic air of a man who likes others to share in the prosperity which he himself enjoys, he suggested that the widow might like to have a small interest in the new garage.

Completely under his sway, she felt that she could safely trust her savings into his keeping, and intimated that she had £150 put by, which she would like to sink in a profitable investment.

This sum, Franklin declared, should bring her in at least £1 a week interest, while her capital would remain intact should she need it.

He thus induced her to hand over the money, and, giving her a temporary receipt, assured her that he would see his solicitors on the following day and instruct them to draw up proper legal certificates so that her interests would be fully protected.

Then he went off to see how far the actual building of the garage had progressed.

Although the poor widow did not then know it, she had gazed upon her savings for the last time. Franklin never returned.

The few articles which he left behind were of little or no value.

Thus the entire savings of this poor woman passed into the hands of an unscrupulous rogue who, as his victim was soon to discover, had no means of his own, had no rich step-father, and had no intention of opening a garage in Wednesbury or anywhere else!

Enquiries made into this heartless imposture have led to amazing discoveries.

Lying tales

Mr. Franklin, we find, is a confirmed and versatile scoundrel who has long specialised in duping poor women by means of cleverly woven fairy tales.

On one occasion, for example, he went to the address of a lady whose husband had been arrested on a serious charge, and who was then in jail awaiting trial.

With a sympathetic air, he intimated that he was personally interested in the case and was in a position to get the husband released on bail if a substantial sum of money could be provided at once.

The lady raised all she could from friends and relatives, and, after

Superintendent Savage, whose officers hope soon to lay this rogue by the heels

Franklin had got away, discovered that his story was a tissue of lies.

At another time, posing as an inspector of prisons, Franklin hired a car, complete with chauffeur, to take him on a brief journey.

Discovering the name and address of the chauffeur, he later called upon the latter's wife and told her that her husband was getting the car ready to take an important Government official on a prolonged tour.

So, posing as a friend doing her husband a good turn, he persuaded the wife to hand over some personal effects of her husband's with certain cash into the bargain.

Women, of course, are not his only dupes. All over the country he has obtained goods by false pretences, and numerous hotels have been victimised.

A favourite trick of his is to obtain a car or other valuable article by means of a worthless cheque, and then to convert it into cash before his duplicity is discovered.

People in all walks of life should be on their guard against him.

BALANCING *the* FAMILY LEDGER

City Clerk Wins £500

WHEN the City clerk opens his pay envelope on a Friday evening, its contents hold little surprise for him and seldom much satisfaction.

But when one recent Friday evening a city clerk, Mr. J. V. Clube, opened the door of his modest home at 69, Empress Avenue, Ilford, he found the surprise of his life awaiting him.

Mr. J. V. Clube

There on the mat lay a bright buff envelope and the "pay" that the telegram heralded was a cheque from John Bull for the substantial sum of £500.

Although a *Bullets* competitor for many months past, it was with complete astonishment that Mr. Clube read the news that he had won the First Prize in Competition No. 688.

The sudden arrival of that longed-for First Prize seemed almost like a dream, though now that the £500 is safely tucked away in his bank account, Mr. Clube is fully awake to his good fortune.

Years of book-keeping in a City office have taught Mr. Clube a good many hard lessons, but the balancing of his family ledger has always been a difficulty.

Pleasant pastime

His problem was one which faces thousands of men to-day. The "easy" payments on that house of his had become a dreadful drain on his resources.

Yet somehow he managed to struggle along, wondering where the school money for his little son was coming from.

It was the huge cash prizes that first of all attracted Mr. Clube to *Bullets*.

One big cheque to help him out of his difficulties—that was all he wanted.

At first he entered thinking only of the sum which might be his, but as the weeks went by he found himself competing for another reason.

He almost lost sight altogether of the prize list, finding the making of *Bullets* the pleasantest of pastimes in itself.

The way to win

Even now that *Bullets* has been the making of him, his enthusiasm is undiminished.

"I cannot contemplate retiring from the field," were his words, "for I know of nothing which can quite take the place of making *Bullets*. It is an education. It helps me to keep abreast of the times—which is saying a good deal in this perplexing age."

Mr. Clube went on to describe how he came to enter his winning *Bullet*: Too Many Girls—Catching Trains—Men, Boats.

"I'd made up my mind to deal with the unemployment problem in one of my *Bullets*. You might think that 'Too Many Girls' was the most unsuitable 'Example' for such a topic.

"Many competitors, I expect, made their *Bullets* about marriage and cosmetics and so forth. Well, perhaps that unexpected change of subject helped my *Bullet* to win. You must get originality into your efforts if you want a big prize and that's one way of doing it."

Nobody could ever take Mr. Clube, so alert and sprightly, for a man of forty-seven. But, after all, who wouldn't look ten years younger after winning a big *Bullets* prize?

Splendid prize

Look alive yourself, then, and shoot your *Bullets* quickly for this week's splendid prize of 600 Guineas—the biggest sum ever offered in a one-week-only contest. Page 39 brings your only opportunity to win this record prize.

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RELEASE OF TRUTH.

MALIGNANCY, calumny and distortion have frequently won an apparent triumph over Truth, but Truth, in the end, will always conquer. It is seldom welcome on its first appearance, and the greater the Truth, the fiercer often is the opposition it will have to overcome before mankind accepts it. We acclaim the name of Lister, but conveniently forget the years of malignant opposition that sought to crush the brave apostle of antisepsis and to kill the truth he proclaimed. "Yadil" has won through, and the very agony of its travail is witness to its value. **It is not a cure-all, but Nature is.**

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The Truth about Emigration

by Earl Jellicoe

THE problem of Empire migration, or rather the problem of the better distribution of the people of the Empire as between the over-populated and the under-populated portions, is one about which a great deal is said and written, and at the same time it is one about which much misunderstanding persists.

Great Britain, with a population of over forty millions, has, under present conditions, a considerable number of good, average British people who have not now, and who, unfortunately, are not likely to have for some time to come, a fair chance in this country.

And there are thousands of young people for whom the future does not seem to promise much. Even if they can earn a living, there is little prospect here of a wider and a better career.

On the other hand, the Dominions have land, many times greater in extent than is Great Britain, waiting to be filled. The problem to which the Imperial and overseas Governments are anxiously seeking a solution is the discovery of a successful means of bringing people and land together.

Theory and practice

The ideal form of migration *in theory* is the family, undoubtedly. In practice, however, the openings for families without capital are, at the present time, unfortunately not numerous.

Temporary post-war depression in the Dominions has filled some of their cities with unemployed, and the Dominion authorities will—indeed, can—only assist the passages of people who go out to assured employment found for them by their friends, or, as in some cases, by the overseas Governments themselves, or through some society that has definite work it can give or secure.

On the other hand, there is a large and genuine demand and many promising openings for boys who will go out to work on the land under an organised system of, first, placement, then after-care.

Boys who go out to Australia, New Zealand or Canada to farming apprenticeships *under proper auspices* have every prospect of saving quite £20 per year from the outset, and this sum will automatically increase as they grow older and earn higher wages. Then when they have saved enough money they can start themselves, either on land of their own or take a hand in one of the many forms of share-farming.

Not only so, but in many cases the Imperial and Dominion Governments are prepared to make handsome loans to boys who have succeeded in saving £100, by no means a difficult matter.

The actual openings for the boys are provided by, in some cases, the overseas Governments, in others by various voluntary bodies, who offer definite openings with selected farmers, guaranteed employment, and efficient and kindly supervision and after-care.

Widespread demand

There are many stories that have been told of young children, neglected and overworked, but they are stories of a stage that has long since been passed. All the Governments now concern themselves with seeing that no lads enter their countries except under very definite schemes of responsibility. The boys are not merely "placed"; they are carefully looked after when placed.

Again, there is a widespread demand for young women of education and energy to share, at a good wage, in the domestic life of an "up-country" station. Girls who have a knowledge of the duties of their own homes, who desire to get on, and who are able and willing to "make friends," are very welcome. I am not referring here to the trained domestics. They can command high wages in the towns.

But young women of education and enterprise can see the world, can take part in the happy "up-country" life and be well paid for doing so; and at the same time they will help to counterbalance the effect of the sending young men of all grades of life overseas which has been going on for some time.

Happiness and success

I write as a former Governor of New Zealand. I know the extraordinary success which attends, in a few years, the young people who go out under one of the schemes now so carefully organised.

And, as chairman of the Church of England Council of Empire Settlement, I also know well the happiness and the success of the lads who are being sent out under the ægis of that council to farming apprenticeships in the wheat belt of Canada, in New Zealand and in Queensland; and I know also of the many happy letters which come from young women who have gone out.

So I strongly recommend not only Church-people, but also members of the Free Churches, who are worried about the future of their young people to avail themselves of the opportunities which the Church of England has organised throughout the whole Empire.

In any case, besides the organisation of which I am chairman, other societies which can offer definite openings and which will ensure efficient after-care are the Catholic Emigration Society, the Methodist Brotherhood, the Salvation Army, the Boy Scouts, the migration branch of the Y.M.C.A., the New Zealand Sheepowners (a fund for the benefit of the children of merchant sailors killed or disabled during the war), and the Society for the Overseas Settlement of British Women.

False impressions

It is often urged that the Dominions will only take the best people from a country which cannot and ought not to spare them, but that is merely an assertion based on a false impression.

The Dominions only ask for good average Britishers, and from time immemorial these islands have produced more good average people than the country could itself maintain. It is to that surplus that the British Empire and the prosperity of the British people throughout the world are due.

Another assertion often heard, based on an equally false impression, is that English people are not welcome in the Dominions. Decent average British people are welcome everywhere to the extent that can be usefully absorbed, while young people can be so readily interested and become so readily accustomed to strange conditions that they have a far easier prospect of success than those who go out later in life.

With regard to the call for harvesters for Canada, and in reply to which nearly 10,000 single men have crossed the Atlantic, it is desirable that this problem also should be fully understood.

As we all know, most forms of agriculture require more labour in harvest-time than is needed all the year round, though on the wide plains of the Canadian Western Provinces the use of machinery has reduced this to a minimum. In Canada the harvest wages are high, and a man may go and come and still be in pocket for his few months' work. Those who go harvesting for the benefit of the sea voyage and who then return are none the worse off.

Earl Jellicoe, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., O.M.

But those who stay have a difficult time to face, with a long winter to go through. If they flock to the towns there is nothing for them but the soup-kitchen queue.

On the other hand, provided arrangements are made such as the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian Railway can make and may make to send the men who wish to stay to the bush and the lumber-camps, then their winter is assured.

Mutual good will

Men who go to the lumber-camps will finish with money in their pockets, and it is the general experience that those who go out with no money of their own and who fetch up at the lumber-camps, and there make good during their first winter, will not look back again.

On the other hand, men who have gained the good will of their employer where labour is not organised *en masse* can often get board and lodging throughout the winter until the wage-earning season of the spring returns. The good will of a farmer is usually secured immediately a worker is seen to take an interest in the farm and its work.

Our council this year has endeavoured to place two hundred young miners in all-the-year-round farm work, where wages, though lower than harvest wages, are at least constant. If this is a success, the experiment will be expanded next year. Watching the interests of the settler for the first year or so until he is established is part of our policy.

Nothing to fear

It will not have escaped notice that there has been some outcry in Canada because of the importation of the 10,000 harvesters. That is because of the fear that, as before, those who do not return home will flock to the towns and will not only congest the labour market, but bring starving mouths to a community which is not organised to maintain even genuine out-of-works.

If the Canadian Government and the great transportation companies have organised the business as they are supposed to have done, this problem should not arise.

One thing should be understood by the people who fear Canada. The winter is not the cold, windy, wet weather of these islands. The sun shines on the frozen snow, and all is quite bright and agreeable. If shelter and warmth at night are available there is nothing to fear.

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To All Men and Women with Votes

MR. BALDWIN'S speech at the Yarmouth Conference has no doubt left you as puzzled as it has left me.

In face of a unanimous vote pressing for an extension of Safeguarding, and especially including the iron and steel industry, the Prime Minister repeated his pledge not to introduce a general tariff until the question of a general tariff has been submitted to the country.

He gave the most categorical pledge that there would be no taxes on food. Then he made the astonishing statement that "no industry will be barred from stating its case and proving it, if it can, before an appropriate tribunal."

Doubtless you are wondering, as I am, if that includes the industry of agriculture. If it does, what becomes of the pledge that there shall be no taxes on food?

I THINK you will agree with me that the position has been left in an impossible mess. Mr. Baldwin cannot continue to say, as an Irishman might observe, "Yes" with one hand and "No" with the other!

Is the next election to be fought on the question of a general tariff or is it not? Are we to believe Mr. Baldwin who says there is to be no taxation of food or Mr. Baldwin's Party which says there is to be taxation of everything.

The really important thing is for us all to find out all we can about the question between now and the election. The matter is too important for us to take anybody's opinion.

Let us find out the facts, make up our minds and vote as we believe, not as someone tells us to vote. The Editor.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir W. JOYNSON-HICKS, M.P., Home Secretary.

Dear Sir,—Since you are "fully supporting the Peace Pact," why do you find it necessary to assure audiences of your "limited faith" in it, and warn them that "armaments have been reduced almost to the limits of safety." The two statements conflict. Either a man is for or against peace. If for, he cannot look upon the awful burden of armaments under which humanity groans without working for its abolition. Need I remind you which attitude is more Christian? John Bull.

To the Rt. Hon. DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, M.P., Addison Road, W.

Dear Sir,—"Sentiment by the bucketful; patriotism by the imperial pint; the open hand at the Exchequer; the open door at the public-house; dear food for the millions and cheap labour for the millionaries" was given by you at Cheltenham as an apt description of the Conservative Party. That the words were not yours, but Mr. Churchill's, adds to their spice. How politicians who change their coats must detest folk with good memories! John Bull.

To Sir CECIL HURST, G.C.M.G., LL.M., British Delegation, League of Nations.

Dear Sir,—Your advocacy that each State should be left to conclude arbitration treaties with other individual States, and your opposition to a general world-wide scheme, reads strangely when it is remembered that our Government has already rejected overtures to this end made by several countries. The people are sick of such shilly-shallying hypocrisy, and woe be to those who seek to rob them of a square deal. John Bull.

To Sir ARCHIBALD BODKIN, K.C.B., Director of Public Prosecutions.

Dear Sir,—When fining a man for driving a lorry in a dangerous manner, the Northampton magistrates severely criticised his employer for compelling him to work for so many hours. He was at the wheel from Monday afternoon till Wednesday morning with only a few hours' rest on the vehicle, and fell into a doze while on the move. I suggest it is the duty of your department to take criminal action against masters who wantonly endanger the lives of the people. There is far too much of this sort of thing going on, and it is time someone got a severe rap over the knuckles. John Bull.

To the Rev. Dr. SELBIE, Principal, Mansfield College, Oxford.

Dear Sir,—In your defence of youth, you suggest that their elders have not managed the world's affairs with such conspicuous success as to justify them in criticising adversely the young men and women of to-day, whom you hold to be at least the equal of those of pre-war days. To condemn youth as irreligious because they do not flock to churches is nonsense: it means merely that they are independent enough, and in the main enlightened enough, to work out their own salvation. John Bull.

To Mr. W. ADDISON, Manor Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex.

Dear Sir,—When, a couple of years ago, you advertised offering an acre of carrots for nothing, not a single reply did you receive, although a few yards away was a town teeming with people who had to pay through the nose for even one carrot! Your opinion of such helplessness as akin to that of a caterpillar who suffers an unwelcome visitor to feed on its body until it dies is understandable. When the people buck up, both the land and food question will be altered. So long as those who have been robbed lack the courage to protest against the robbery, why expect the robbers to repent? John Bull.

To BAILIE COLE, Motherwell Police Court.

Dear Sir,—I have often found occasion to praise your preference for probation rather than making criminals of first offenders, but to place on probation, after four previous convictions, Bartholomew Doig, who assaulted a man and hit a pregnant woman in the stomach, so that she fell unconscious, puts a premium on brutality. I can only assume that, for once, you had left your common-sense at home. John Bull.

To Mr. HENRY OAKLEY, Chepstow.

Sir,—Your description as "a wealthy farmer" adds to the incredible meanness of your offence in paying Albert Harper, one of your employees, 18s. a week instead of the minimum 32s. The fine of £10 and £5 costs you were ordered to pay in addition to arrears was richly deserved, but it would have been even better had you been ordered to subsist on the 18s. level for a few months yourself. John Bull.

Straight from the Shoulder

Mr. Churchill:—"In this wicked world people who are struck at should not hesitate to hit back."

A smart election hint for those hard hit by recent taxation.

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Lord Eustace Percy:—"The 'degrees craze' may become one of the most dangerous enemies of sound education."

The only dangerous enemy to sound education is a Ministry that begrudges the cost.

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Lord Aberconway:—"We look at Germany and there we find the coal trade in a position of comparative security."

That should make us think twice about "winning" another war.

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Dr. Garsford Jones:—"Everyone should be under all circumstances cheerful."

We fancy anyone preaching that in mining districts just now would get a thick ear.

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The Truth About Things—by the Editor

The MINISTRY *of* EVERYTHING BUT!

Mad Hatters Again!

ONE BIG BLANK

THERE are still officially more than a million and a quarter unemployed. Only once since the war has the total of people who are willing to work but who cannot find jobs to do fallen below a million, and then only for a few weeks.

We are not at all satisfied that, despite the admitted depression of heavy industries and the hundred and one things that are at present causing unemployment, everything is being done that could be done to lessen the distress.

Times without number we have put forward in our pages what we consider practical plans for rendering totally unnecessary the need for any single man to be unemployed who wishes to work.

But there are some smaller and less heroic things that could be done now which would go a long way towards easing the problem. We have, for instance, a vast and expensive network of employment exchanges. So far as we can gather, their principal function to-day seems to be to pay out unemployment benefit and not to deal with employment.

Enormous trouble is taken to see that no man shall draw benefit unless he is entitled to it, and hundreds are disqualified every day on the grounds that they "are not genuinely seeking work."

THERE is a Board of Referees, an Insurance Officer, a Local Officer, and the Umpire at Whitehall, all and any of whom have sufficient authority to say that a man shall no longer draw unemployment pay because he is not "genuinely seeking work."

And not only this. In addition quite a number of Investigation Departments have been set up. In view of all this, it is astonishing that there is not a single individual, much less a department, whose work it is to find jobs for the men who have subscribed to the funds.

We challenge the Minister of Labour to hazard even a guess at the number of vacancies existing in any district or in the country as a whole.

Surely an obvious reform would be that, if every man must register for employment, so must every employer register for employees. If this were done the exchange officials could definitely send a man to a job instead of merely sending him to seek one.

There is no reason at all why the onus of seeking work should not be removed from the men and put upon the exchanges, which at the moment are in danger of becoming purely an insurance agency with all the usual detective departments.

IF the system were properly run it ought to be possible at any given moment to say not only how many jobs were vacant, but exactly where they were, and for the exchanges to be able to put men and jobs into touch instantly.

There is another practical step that could immediately be taken. Mr. Smedley Crooke, M.P., pointed out some time ago in John Bull that, contrary to the widely held view, any employer of labour, even if such an one may be in private life, can offer, and an unemployed man can accept, work for one, two or three days in any week without forfeiting the unemployment benefit for the remaining days in the week.

It is notorious that there are few employers and still fewer unemployed who know that this is possible. Since the fact that this is so has been admitted by the Minister of Labour, who until Mr. Smedley Crooke's article appeared in John Bull was himself entirely ignorant of it, it is inexcusable that this information has not been posted up in every employment exchange in the country in the simplest possible language or that it has not been sent to every employer of labour in the country.

Here is a potential means of providing at any rate temporary work for thousands, of saving hundreds of thousands of pounds of the taxpayers' money in the course of the year, and, what is perhaps more important even than this, of heartening and raising the *morale* of those who, through no fault of their own, hardly know to-day what it feels like to work.

The Rt. Hon. Sir A. Steel-Maitland, M.P., Minister of Labour

It's the HUMAN TOUCH *that PAYS!*

A Great Opportunity

AUTUMN is the time of great conferences. Some are naturally more spectacular than others. The meetings of the British Association, for instance, have a world-wide interest. The Trades Union Congress this year focused more attention than usual because of the possibility, before it meets again, of the Labour Party coming into office.

But neither of these events should have been allowed to obscure, as they have done, the Ninth Annual Conference of the Industrial Welfare Society recently held in Oxford.

It is encouraging to know that a large and increasing number of industrial firms are sending delegates to these conferences and are constantly seeking the society's advice. All the year it collects data, tabulates its garnered experience and holds itself ready to hand out knowledge on that human side which, in spite of mechanical inventiveness, remains the most essential part of industry's machinery.

We have stated before, and we see no reason to alter our opinion, that the Industrial Welfare Society cannot by itself do all that needs doing. There will always be the stumbling-block that the industrial firms that ally themselves with its activities are not those which most need hard teaching on the meaning of industrial welfare.

Voluntaryism does not touch the others, those who never move an inch in the direction of welfare work until they are forced. What the voluntary society can and does do is to set the pace and mark out the course which new legislation must follow.

It cannot be too strongly rubbed home that the health, prosperity and happiness of human beings engaged together in any sort of industry is a hard-headed business proposition. Accident, sickness and discontent are clogs on the wheels. Healthiness in mind, body and estate *pays*.

Equally important to be absorbed into the industrial world is Dr. James Baillie's exposure of the fallacy of "being one's own master." It is not even an ideal. It is a silly obsession. More and more industry will have to be recognised as public service, with everyone taking part in it as friendly, co-operating partners.

The ideals of the Industrial Welfare Society are for the good of the community as a whole. They would save the situation if they were put into operation.

WE WANT *our* LAND!

IT is good news that within the next few days a national conference will be held at Leicester to see how England's countryside can be saved.

A large number of societies, all of which are concerned for the preservation of beauty in Britain, will be represented, as will societies which have for their object the preservation of public rights in land.

It seems that there are still a few of these left, iniquitous though the present land laws are.

What we should really like to see is a national conference sitting, and refusing to adjourn, until the mind of the country was alive to the need for a change in the land laws, and the starting of a real, honest-to-goodness campaign for the restoration of the land to the people.

Meanwhile, at least a few Britishers are vigorous enough to maintain their own rights.

Borden, a little village near Sittingbourne, Kent, has a three-acre piece of land known as the Playstool. A Sittingbourne resident bought this piece and promptly fenced it off.

As the village had playing rights on the Playstool, and right of way across it, the parish council equally promptly gave seven days' notice for the obstructions to be removed.

This being ignored, when the time expired the parish council, with the chairman at its head and the whole village trooping after, cut the wires, pulled up the stakes, and organised a merry game of cricket to assert their rights.

If a little more such spirit had been shown wherever land was filched, the people of Great Britain would not now be land starved. But even as things are we welcome the Leicester conference. It will at least call attention to the facts.

The BLACK and WHITE BITE

Shocks to Shatter Shams

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

The Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., Prime Minister, who has still time to come down to brass tacks and tackle things that really matter

THE newspapers have recently been providing shock after shock. They have succeeded in making politics look puny and statesmanship sterile.

They have exposed all the shams and humbugs which we persist in thinking make us a civilised community, and they have torn away all the pretences from our smug complacence.

They did not mean to do it—in fact, they are quite unaware that they have done it. They were merely fulfilling their function of gathering news. But news can bite—as you shall see.

Here, for instance, are two paragraphs from the *Hull Daily Mail*:

"Without previous warning of the calamity impending, the whole of the men, numbering nearly a thousand, employed at the Prince of Wales' Colliery, Pontefract, received a week's notice to terminate their engagements."

"Because of the inadequate coal supplies Grimsby trawler owners are having to import coal for use in North Sea trawlers."

Cattle better housed

Misery, muddle and mismanagement! Coalfields and coal needs lying almost side by side—but politics, business and science combined can do nothing better than chuck a thousand men on to the scrap-heap.

Here is a paragraph from the *Manchester Guardian*:

"Although 821 houses were built in Warrington during 1927, 226 applicants were still living in overcrowded houses at the end of the year."

And here is one from the *Nottingham Guardian*:

"Branston Rural Council at its meeting yesterday decided to erect twenty houses to replace twenty which it is proposed to pull down in the village of Navenby. The chairman of the council said that the houses in some cases were worse than fowl houses.

"'Our pigs and our fowls,' he said, 'are much better housed than the poor people of Navenby. The conditions are dreadful, and no word, however bad, can describe them adequately.

"'On an area of 400 square yards there are eleven houses in which are living seventy-seven people. In one house, of one bedroom and one lower room, the bedposts have had to be sawn off in order to get the bed into the room.'"

Hellish conditions

Here is another, from the *Daily Mail*:

"Upon a Moreton, Wallasey, man being summoned at Wallasey for failing to send a six-year-old child to school regularly, the attendance officer said the conditions under which the child lived were most demoralising. A family of nine which lived and slept in a caravan. 9 ft. 6 in. long by 4 ft. 6 in. wide, included a man of twenty-three and a girl of twenty-one who slept in a corner."

It may be demoralising. "Hellish" is the word I should have used.

The Medical Officer of Health for Poplar says in his Annual Report:

"Practically all the houses in the borough are occupied by members of more than one family and a very large number by members of more than two families.

"As the houses were originally built to accommodate one family, the sanitary arrangements, water supply, facilities for cleansing and washing and cooking are inadequate to meet the needs of three families.

"Under such conditions it is not surprising to find that the standard of cleanliness in many houses is low.

"As time goes on the overcrowding becomes worse and the proper separation of the sexes is a problem which at present many families find it almost impossible to solve."

There is hardly a Medical Officer of Health in the country who is not talking like this—yet I read the other day that there are 90,000 builders who cannot get a job. Are we merely a nation of incompetent jackasses—or are we just plain daft?

Astounding puzzle

How is it that in this astounding age of science and invention, of teeming wealth being wrung from the earth, an age of progress that beats anything history can reveal, we cannot succeed in giving men and women and little children even the minimum that they are entitled to expect from life?

Read this, from the *Daily News*:

"The Breconshire town of Brynmawr is bankrupt and living on the dole. Out of a population of 10,000 only 480 men are working.

"The only men employed are policemen, schoolteachers, council officials and workmen, and 'bus employees. Some miners have not worked for seven years.

"Even the more thrifty workmen have exhausted their savings and have sold their houses to purchase the necessaries of life."

And don't forget that Brynmawr is not in Soviet Russia. If it was there would be columns and columns about it in the papers. Brynmawr is in Wales—and was once among the most prosperous and thriftiest towns in the Welsh valleys.

Starving mothers

The *Weekly Argus* says:

"You cannot paint too black a picture of the state of affairs at Brynmawr. It is a town the future of which is absolutely without a gleam of hope. Its greatest tragedy is the position of boys who have left school within recent years, hundreds of whom have not done a day's work and probably never will."

Wales, remember—not Bolshevik Russia after a world-shattering revolution.

At Preston, in Lancashire, the school Medical Sub-Committee recently decided not to put into operation the Provision of Meals Act at Westhoughton.

Protesting against this, Mr. W. A. Spofforth said that "to keep their children sufficiently nourished many mothers were starving themselves." He quoted as a case of hardship a family income *which allowed 5d. a day per head for food and clothing.*

All these things have happened and are happening in England—and there are thousands more like them. What I have here quoted are just the haphazard gleanings of one day's newspapers.

Let me quote just one more paragraph:

"I have been visiting two stricken villages where only some of the pits are working, and then only part time. A few days ago a mother in one village poisoned herself as she could no longer bear to see her three children starving, and later an unemployed miner hanged himself for the same reason."

I have only one more thing to say. There will shortly be a General Election. Every candidate should be forced to say what he is going to do to remedy things like these.

That is real politics. All the rest is moonshine.

The 10 to 4 HIGHW

by ARNOLDEM

I NOTE that, according to the Government officials who are responsible for the preparation of the "Cost of Living" figures, the prices of necessaries are now only 65 per cent. over the prices which ruled in August, 1914.

Mr. A. F. Holt

It would be interesting to know if the salaries of the officials concerned are governed by the sliding scale based on the official cost of living figures. At the same time, it is much more important that there should be a thorough investigation into the whole method of computation and a radical reorganisation of that method.

The reorganisation is necessary because it is hardly too much to say that the way the figures are now arrived at constitutes a swindle on hundreds of thousands of workers. It is at least grossly unjust. Men find their wages automatically falling as the fall in the cost of living is supposed to fall, but their wives do not find the supposed fall registered in the shops.

Is it to be wondered, then, in view of the well-earned reputation of the Government for niggardliness where generosity is called for, and for wasteful expenditure in the very directions in which wisdom would call for care, that there is a general suspicion among the 300,000 Civil Servants affected that there is some connection between the desire of officials to make a show of economy and the gradual fall in the cost of living figures?

WE have seen the working of this cheeseparing policy in connection with war pensions, widows' pensions, old-age pensions, and unemployment insurance. Is it not possible in other directions also?

Certainly the suspicion is there, however much it may lack foundation, and that suspicion does not make for smooth working in any department. A disgruntled employé is never at his—or her—best.

Every point fall in the official figures means a substantial cash saving to the Government and to employers in other industries in which wages are governed by the sliding scale. Also every fallin

Fangs Behind *the* Muzzle

A Conspiracy Caught Out

by A. G. GARDINER

Mr. A. G. Gardiner

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE and Mr. Kellogg have come down with a heavy hand on Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Briand. They will have nothing to do with the hole-and-corner naval pact with which those two gentlemen have baited the trap for America.

They repudiate the whole scheme. They repudiate the policy behind that scheme. And they dissociate themselves from the secret diplomacy in which it has been conceived.

Before coming to the enormous issues involved in this colossal blunder, I must ask you to get clear in your minds what has happened.

Last year President Coolidge called *an open conference* of all the naval Powers to consider a basis of naval disarmament. *France refused to enter that conference.* She refused to enter because she specialises on submarines and she was not disposed to have her submarine policy subjected to criticism or restriction.

A year later, without a breath of suspicion in the public mind that anything was afoot, and just when the United States had carried through its pact for the outlawry of war, Sir Austen Chamberlain casually announces in the House of Commons that France and England have secretly entered into a naval pact.

He did not tell us the nature of the pact. Up to the moment of writing, in spite of daily bombardments from the Press—even the Government Press—we do not know officially the contents of the pact. But we know unofficially. The muzzle was applied here.

Simple-minded Britisher

But the muzzle was not applied in Paris, where every newspaper was throwing up its hat for another victory of French diplomacy over the simple-minded Britisher. France had got all the submarines she wanted in exchange for supporting the British claim against America. She had got more.

It has been openly stated for two months, *and never denied by the British Foreign Office*, that in the discussion of land disarmament we have agreed to support the French demand (which we have hitherto opposed) that the French reserves shall not be reckoned—that is, that the whole man-power of France shall be trained for war without let or hindrance.

Now consider what all this means. It means, in effect, as the French Press has not obscurely hinted, that the pre-war *status* in Europe is restored. We have become the ally and instrument of France. The Anglo-French *entente* is rewritten. The League of Nations is put into cold storage. The Kellogg Pact is buried in a pigeon-hole. Disarmament is an old wives' tale.

Straight on to war

The French military domination of Europe is not only accepted by this country, it is to be backed by our naval power. In the words of a leading French newspaper, France is the army of England, and we are the navy of France. Between us, France dictating the policy, we are to dominate Europe.

Think what this means in relation to Germany, completely disarmed under the Treaty of Versailles as the preliminary to the disarmament of Europe. Does anyone suppose that European peace can be established on those terms—on the open repudiation of the solemn undertaking of Versailles?

Think of it in relation to Italy. There is no love lost between Italy and France and only the League of Nations can ever permanently compose their differences. But the naval pact hamstrings the League, and Italy is face to face with the fact that the French submarines are no longer a menace to us, but are directed against herself. Whom else can they threaten? Not Germany, for Germany has no navy as well as no army.

The effect on Italian opinion is already apparent in the persistent declaration there that the naval pact has another provision. This provision relates to the air. Just as the French submarines are to have Italy as their objective, so the French air force is to be organised for action on the Italian frontier.

The Foreign Office has denied this implication, and no one can doubt the denial. *But the facts themselves contain the implication.* This pact, in a word, leads straight to another European war.

Impudent scheming

But, most of all, think of this business in relation to the United States. This is the third time that France has tried to checkmate Washington's peace moves.

First, she stood out of the open naval conference called by Coolidge; second, she tried for months to confine the Kellogg outlawry treaty to herself and America (Sir Austen, as usual, feebly backing up her opposition); third, she manœuvres England into a secret compact which adds a naval domination of the seas to her military domination of the Continent and leaves America to come in on imposed terms or to take up an Anglo-French naval challenge.

Can we wonder that she resents this impudent scheming behind her back, and tells Sir Austen and M. Briand that she will have nothing to do with their proposals? Can we wonder if, on such evidence of the incurable militarism of France and of Europe, the American Senate should refuse to ratify the Kellogg Treaty?

The wretched pact is, of course, dead. But the mischief has been done. Just as America was coming back to help Europe to get out of the mess she is in, and on to an organised peace basis, she is affronted with this new revelation of the diabolical designs which, conceived in Paris, gain their strength from the sheep-like docility with which England obeys her French master.

Back the right horse!

How long is this servile and humiliating subjection of British policy and British interests to French intrigues to obstruct every movement towards the re-establishment of European peace? How far is it to be permitted to go in embittering Anglo-American relations, in destroying the League of Nations, in reducing the Kellogg Treaty to a farce?

The interests of this country are not represented by French policy. French policy aims at one thing and one thing only, the permanent military domination of France on the Continent of Europe, an unattainable policy which means inevitable war.

The interests of this country are the precise contrary. They are represented by the American desire to promote universal disarmament and a basis of organised peace in the world. For years we have been backing the wrong horse. The time has come to back the right horse.

...AYMAN

A Slide with a Twist

...OLEMAN HOLT

the figures is a reduction in the wages of the worker unless the official fall in costs is a genuine fall.

But is it? The best judges of the cost of living are not the comfortably situated Government officials, who never appear to realise the often amazing differences in prices as between one shop and another, one district and another; who apparently have never heard of the gross profiteering which still abounds; but who calmly issue a set of figures which asserts that the cost of living is only so much over 1914; and who serenely ignore the protestations of the women with the baskets who alone are safe judges of what actually is the cost of living.

It is to the women with the baskets that officialdom ought to go; and it is to them that officialdom will go if they care anything for what may happen at the next election. Five and a quarter million more women will then have the vote, and women as a rule are more practical politicians than men. They believe in bread-and-butter politics, and therein they are wise.

THEY are not concerned with theories. If they are told that the cost of living is now only 65 per cent. over pre-war they simply point to the indubitable fact that they are the people who do the shopping, and the equally indubitable fact that the alleged fall in the cost of the things they buy has never been perceived by them.

Add to that the fact that the supposed fall has always meant a fall in wages and one cannot wonder, not merely that they are vexed, but that they are letting it be known that they are vexed.

I have talked with many housewives on the matter. They are unanimous in declaring that the true figure is nearer 100 per cent. than 65. They declare that if the price of one commodity falls the price of another rises, and so any advantage is wiped out. They ought to know.

WHAT the Government ought to do is to collect typical housewives' budgets from all over the country. It ought to go to the fountain-heads for the figures and not to Whitehall. In that way a fair average might be arrived at and justice be done to the men and women concerned.

I firmly believe, and hope, that the next election will be a bread-and-butter election. I believe that cost of living will be the pivot on which it will swing. The Government can do something—if it will. The other Parties can only promise—and we know what election promises are.

Years of Suffering Ended

Naval Commander Praises Kruschen.

The retired naval officer who has allowed us to publish the following letter suffered for years with a very serious skin disease, known to doctors as *psoriasis*. This trouble like nearly every other skin complaint—eczema in particular—is well known to spring from internal trouble and blood impurities and in the beginning its first cause is constipation. Read how he has overcome it:—

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Commander, Royal Navy. (Retd.)
5th September, 1928.

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Saving Milk with Water

by CAPTAIN G. C. C. HENDERSON

IT is generally recognised that Party politicians rely largely upon the shortness of public memory in order to carry on business, but it now seems that railway managers are seeking a like reputation.

A year ago they were loudly lamenting the competition of road transport, and embarked upon an intensive campaign to support their Road Transport Bills.

Well, they have them, after immense expense to themselves and the public, and negligible safeguards for the latter. One might expect them to rest content, but not a bit of it.

On August 22, the *Daily Mail* published a manifesto, issued by Sir Felix Pole for the railways, which can only be put down as subtle propaganda, but after this agitation for road-transport powers it was a blunder to "let out" that "road transport, whilst admittedly a disturbing factor in the situation, is of purely secondary importance compared with the slump in freight traffic consequent on the stagnation in industry."

Railways hard hit

"What's at the back of this?" you may ask. Undoubtedly unemployment is at the back of it.

Continued depression, if nothing worse, is inevitable in the heavy industries, until we get drastic reductions in heavy-goods freights.

The great "slump in freight traffic," largely due to excessive transport rates, was bound to hit the railways hard.

Over 60 per cent. of their goods traffic consists of coal, coke, patent fuel, and such like, normally around 200,000,000 tons per annum.

In the case of coal transport, rail freight, from the Midlands to London, for instance, adds 40 to 50 per cent. to the pithead price, and it is in the carriage of all heavy-bulk goods that modern canals effect such outstanding economies.

Railway permanent way alone costs about £1,000 per mile per annum to maintain. Road upkeep costs are soaring in the same direction. Water comes along "ready to wear" and never wears out.

Liberal treatment

How are the railways placed? Far from being mightily injured concerns they have been fairly, nay liberally, treated.

They had over £50,000,000 after the war; they had trade facilities guarantees for about £15,000,000; they have their Road Transport Bills, and they will get £4,000,000 a year under the rate-relief scheme.

Further, they are allowed, by the Railway Act of 1921, to obtain a "standard revenue" based on their 1913 income with certain additions.

If, under Mr. Baldwin's rate-relief scheme, this £4,000,000 a year is applied to reducing freights on the above 200,000,000 tons of heavy goods that means a saving of only 5d. per ton, but it is mere book-keeping, not a real economy, and the public again will pay.

Now, if Mr. Baldwin rose to the occasion, freed the waterways, and carried through, even with public funds, the improvement of the commercial canals for the good of trade and employment, the railway companies, or, rather, the railroad, might

Captain G. C. C. Henderson

lose 100,000,000 tons or so of this heavy goods traffic.

This would, of course, go back to the canals, its proper place. The resultant saving to the country should be not less than £15,000,000 per annum.

Sound proposition

What is our competitors' experience? After a period of waterway neglect, the French, Belgian and German States spent between 1880 and 1903 over £80,000,000 on new canals and canal and river improvements.

The result was an average increase of 77 per cent. in rail traffic and 136 per cent. in canal traffic.

In November, 1926, a railway "scribe," wroth over a Press letter of mine, remarked, "Nobody would dream of sending milk by canal."

I never suggested it, but we ought to "dream" of doing so. Milk goes to London for about 2d. per gallon by rail in the familiar churns, which have to come back empty.

It also goes to London by road, 110 miles in ten hours, for about 1d. per gallon in 2,500-gallon motor tank-lorries, which cannot bring back a "return load."

Now, at modern canal speed, a single motor-tank barge, of 120 tons capacity, with a crew of three, would carry 26,000 gallons of milk per trip, sixty or seventy miles to London, at an outside cost of one-tenth of a penny per gallon for the one-way journey.

The milk could be taken aboard anywhere *en route*, cooled by cold-water circulation, discharged within thirty minutes on arriving, and the vessel would pay return expenses with a useful deckload of agricultural requisites or other goods.

Dreams, indeed! "Cow juice by canal" is an eminently hygienic, practical, and unbeatably economical proposition, wherever there is water for the craft.

Costly millstone

And what about the water?

We waste millions of gallons every year, suffering immense flood damage thereby. London was "let in" for £1,000,000 in the last inundation, yet it is said that a scheme to canalise the Thames, and render this much-neglected river flood-proof, was rejected by the local authorities.

No wonder the Prince of Wales jocularly remarked at the Worcestershire Dinner in London, Mr. Baldwin being present, that so far as he could see the only purpose of the Severn was to inundate the surrounding country.

I can take you to hundreds of acres of good farm land that are submerged for the best part of the winter and to places where the farmers remove their gates to avoid them being washed away.

Inland water-transport, drainage, water supply, and irrigation are obviously inseparable.

Yet, with the millstone of costly transport round our necks, 1,320,000 registered unemployed, and 883,000 persons on Poor-law relief, we actually have Mr. H. G. Williams, M.P. and Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, blandly telling Canadian business men that the dole system "is as equitable as ordinary insurance." To whom, pray?

Still waiting

Now, on September 29, 1925, Mr. Betterton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, was telling the Nottingham "captains of industry" that "our trade competitors on the Continent had realised the enormous advantage of inland water transport.

"People in this country still failed to realise the influence of cheap transport both on the cost of living and the cost of production. If costs were to be reduced in this country we need not necessarily bring down wages, but it was necessary to call in aid everything that would give increased efficiency at lower cost."

Exactly, and three years after, we are still waiting to hear "Government calling."

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WHEN Parliament reassembles it should lose no time in devoting special attention to the scandal here exposed, a scandal which, every year, involves an expenditure of immense sums of public money.

The welfare of thousands of women, who are chained in misery to worthless husbands, is at stake, and we can think of no one more fitted to stir up apathetic Members than Miss Susan Lawrence, M.P., whose untiring interest on behalf of the poor is so widely known.

In almost every part of the country hundreds of men are "wanted" by the authorities for one or other of three very grave offences.

Some are wanted for wife desertion; others for leaving their families chargeable to the rates, and others again in respect of maintenance arrears under affiliation orders.

Callous and elusive

It is amazing to think that, unless they are caught by chance, they can remain free, caring little whether their dependants are in the workhouse or in some other institution or industrial home, and untroubled by the fact that the burden of their upkeep rests year in and year out with the much-abused but law-abiding ratepayers.

As a typical illustration, let us cite the case of a defaulting husband named William May, who originally lived with his wife and child in the neighbourhood of Poplar.

He callously deserted his wife one morning in the Spring of 1921, and, although almost immediately posted as a "wanted" man, contrived to elude capture for no less than seven years, during which period his wife and child were left chargeable to the guardians.

When ultimately discovered by chance, he was keeping another woman! This man alone cost the ratepayers £500.

Seven years may seem a long period for anyone to evade justice, but this case is by no means isolated. The truth is that, under existing regulations, such evasion is by no means a difficult matter.

When a man is reported missing in these circumstances, all that happens is that the guardians concerned lodge brief particulars with the local police, who, in turn, pass them on to the Central Office of Scotland Yard.

Eight years' dance

There they are condensed as much as possible and circulated to police stations throughout the country, with instructions that, if possible, the men should be apprehended, if local information about them is obtainable.

In most cases only the briefest information is given about their habits and appearance, and, as it is seldom that a photograph is provided, the possibilities of detection are ridiculously remote.

Another offender who succeeded in leading the authorities a dance for no less than eight years is James Cain, who deserted his wife at Holloway as far back as 1920, and who was not brought to book until £450 had been expended from public funds.

Thus, two cases, selected at random from hundreds, total all but £1,000;

Miss Susan Lawrence, M.P.

and, as in most instances such money is not recoverable, the gravity of this scandal is readily apparent.

Day after day, although the number of men who have been wanted for years is rarely diminished, fresh cases of desertion are being reported.

Absurd system

A man named Curtis has long been sought by the Southend police for maintenance arrears which, when the warrant was first issued, amounted to more than £140.

Under the present absurd system, which makes the chances of detection so slight, this amount goes on growing at the expense of people who can enjoy no such immunity if their rates fall a week or two in arrears.

Recently a man named John Baguley deserted his wife and children at Stockport and, applying for a position with a London firm, promptly settled down in the metropolis with another woman.

When he knew that enquiries were being made by the police, he suddenly left his London address and disappeared. While the ratepayers of Stockport are thus forced to maintain his wife and children, it is known that Baguley is far from being burdened and is able to keep up a motor-car!

A bright specimen amongst this sorry throng is a man named Henry Dench, who, in common with others of his kidney, has caused the St. Pancras Board of Guardians endless trouble and expense.

Dench is the father of four children who, in addition to his wife and himself, have been constantly on relief. Whilst he and his wife were content to live indefinitely at the expense of the local ratepayers, the guardians naturally felt that a little work would not do him any harm.

They actually used their influence to obtain a suitable post for him, but he repaid this kindness by leaving his children chargeable to the guardians and, abandoning the work found for him, simply disappeared.

Ridiculous leniency

He was ultimately traced, but the maximum punishment that could be inflicted upon him for his reprehensible conduct was fourteen days' hard labour.

It is hardly encouraging for the wronged ratepayers to know that even when culprits are occasionally apprehended they not only avoid repayment of the debts for which they are responsible, but also escape the lengthy terms of imprisonment their conduct merits.

The Paisley Parish Council recently prosecuted a machinist named McCabe for deserting and neglecting to maintain his three little children, whose mother was dead.

With a callous disregard for the welfare of these motherless mites, McCabe went off on a trip to Paris, and, upon re-establishing himself in a remunerative post in his home town, made no enquiries at all about his children and contributed nothing towards their unkeep.

He had cost the ratepayers of Paisley £400, and, when finally brought to book, escaped with the lenient sentence of three months' imprisonment, despite the fact that he had a previous conviction in 1924 for the self-same offence!

Futile hope

In some cases the offenders bleed their more honourable fellows still further, and, by settling down in some distant town in an assumed name, even contrive to draw the "dole"!

Clearly the system at present prevailing cries for drastic amendment. The mere act of supplying meagre details of such cases to the police in the "hope" that offenders will be detected is futile.

Surely, when the welfare of so many women and children is at stake, and when so much public money is involved, some wider scope of enquiry should be instituted.

The task of devising such measures should not be beyond the brains of Scotland Yard, and we trust most fervently that the authorities will take the cue from this article and do everything in their power to bring about the much-needed amendments we have suggested.

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Sticky Fingers and Stout Heart

AN outbreak of fire occurred at a block of mansions in the West End of London, and John Davies was one of the victims. Much against his will the ambulance had brought him to the hospital.

"What's the use of all this fuss?" he said to the doctor who examined him. "I'm all right. Give me a bit of ointment and let me go."

But he was not all right. There were extensive burns on his arms and face, and there was a nasty gash on one of his legs.

"Don't be foolish," said the doctor, "you can't go out like this." But it was only after a good deal of persuasion that he was induced to stay in the hospital.

There was nothing very likeable about this patient. He was rough and uncouth, and he showed no gratitude for anything that was done for him. "It's damned silly keeping me here," he said gruffly to the nurse; "I'm not a spoilt kid."

As the day went by he became strangely morose and every now and again, when he saw a stranger enter the ward, a look of fear shot into his eyes.

When he heard that a visitor was enquiring for him he flew into a temper. "I'm seeing no visitor," he said angrily; "I want to be left alone, understand." John Davies was certainly not a popular patient.

The mystery hero

It came, therefore, as a complete surprise to discover that in that fire he had saved the life of a woman. The visitor who had called to see him was her son, and he told a graphic story of this man's bravery.

It appeared that at great personal risk Davies had gone to her aid, and had carried her to a place of safety.

"But there is a mystery about it all," went on this visitor. "Nobody seems to know how he got into the premises. He does not live there and no one knows anything about him."

The next day John Davies was taxed about his escapade. "Good morning, hero," he was addressed, jocularly. "Hero," he repeated, with a sneer, "I'm no blinking hero," and he shrugged his shoulders with apparent contempt.

Philip Inman

That visitor was persistent in his calls until at length John Davies consented to see him. "Only for a minute, mind you," he said, and in an undertone he muttered, "What's he want; he's becoming a blooming nuisance."

But that visitor stayed for more than a minute. It was half an hour before he went away, and, strangely enough, there was no sign of displeasure on the face of the patient as a result of the prolonged interview.

The night before he was discharged, John Davies opened out and became communicative. "I've never thought much of hospitals before," he said. "I've looked upon them like prisons, places where they take your liberty away. But after being here I shall have to change my opinion."

Then he went on to talk of the fire, and the part he had played in rescuing the woman.

"Funnylike my being there," he mused, and he laughed, his first laugh since he had been in the hospital. "I had no business to be there," he went on, "no legal business, you understand; but the poor must live," he added with a smile.

"And what is your line of life?" he was asked. He winked knowingly, "Any odd job I can come across," he answered. "I'm pretty clever with my hands, although I say it myself. My mates used to call me 'Light-handed Jack.'" And beyond that he would not go.

What the parcel contained

Just before he left the hospital, he said: "You know that swell who came to see me, a decent kind of feller he is. Well, he doesn't know I'm going out, and he's going to come again. When he does, you might give him this with my compliments."

And he handed over a little parcel wrapped in newspaper.

A day or two afterwards the visitor called again. When he knew that the patient had gone, he seemed greatly surprised.

"But he told me he was out of a job," he said, "and I promised to find him some work. Have you any idea where he's likely to be?" he asked.

"No," he was told; "but he left behind a parcel for you. Probably he has left his address inside."

When that man opened the packet, he stood aghast. It contained a lady's watch and chain, a brooch, and a diamond ring. "Good heavens," he muttered, "those are my mother's; however did he get them?"

No wonder John Davies was called "Light-handed Jack."

The Sentence of the Court

LIMELIGHT *on* LAMPSON

A "Locker" Full of Rubbish

DOING his best to assume an air of importance in keeping with his hyphen and his sudden notoriety, Mr. Locker-Lampson pleaded "Not guilty" when charged with "bunk" and disorderly conduct.

"Jurors who have never heard of the accused by name, much less by fame," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "may be as surprised as I was to learn that, at the moment, he is Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

"Nowadays, when outstanding political personalities are as rare as sunstroke in Manchester, I suppose we must not be too inquisitive about the qualifications (if any) of some of those who reign over us, happy and glorious.

"Nevertheless, it seems like a gesture of contempt by the Government to send so obscure a person to represent this country on the League of Nations.

"But if this most under-equipped of Under-Secretaries was obscure when he left these shores, he was not long in winning a place in the limelight at Geneva by reason of the bunk he talked and the disordered sense of values he revealed in the process.

"In moving to reduce the League Budget by £40,000, he obviously was not acting on his own irresponsibility. And the fact that his stupid attack could not have been made without the sanction of his superiors invests it with a sinister significance.

"That a Government which has foisted on this country a bloated Budget of 740 millions should wax indignant over the cost of the League of Nations, whose Budget is just over one million, split up among fifty-six States, is altogether too much like a confirmed drunkard expounding the beauties of Prohibition."

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MR. STRAWSPLITTER said that instead of trying to make capital out of his client's comparative inexperience this should be considered in mitigation of any excess of zeal which he might have shown. It seemed to be thought that the worthy aspirations of the League should cover a multitude of sins. But idealism was apt to prove costly unless a check was kept on the pious activities of its too enthusiastic exponents.

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"IN some quarters," said Mr. Justice Bull, "it has become the fashion to talk as if high ideals are absurdly unprofitable. Let us therefore consider this matter on a stern, practical basis.

"The cost to this country of the League of Nations is £120,000 a year, while our expenditure on armaments is £115,000,000. In other words, we spend £59 5s. per head in organising war and 2½d. per head in organising peace!

"Could anything be more comically tragic than a nation with a war debt of £370,000,000 sending a tuppenny-ha'penny representative to Geneva to protest against an expenditure of 2½d. toward saving Europe from another blood bath?

"Actually, what we squander in fourteen months on armaments would suffice to have paid our League contribution since the birth of Christ.

"Yet when it is proposed to spend a few pounds at Geneva the prisoner assumes the rôle of Mr. Mocker-Lampson. But when it is proposed to build a new battleship, costing about seven times as much as the cost of the League, this stern advocate of economy is as silent as if his name were Mr. Lockjaw-Lampson.

"For years we have been doped with promises of economy, and now apparently the Government thinks that by flourishing an axe abroad it can divert attention from squandermania at home.

"In deciding upon appropriate punishment, I must consider not only the magnitude of the offence, but the insignificance of the offender. In these circumstances, I think a contemptuous sentence—to wit, a fine of 2½d.—will meet the case."

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Marriage Under the Microscope

by MABEL HORNER

"IT is rather a tragedy—this girl of fifteen married to a Chinaman," said Mr. Clarke Hall, the Old Street magistrate, the other day. It was a tragedy. A girl of fifteen, living with a Chinaman of forty, had actually been allowed by her parents to marry him.

It followed inevitably that she left him. Later, when she went through a form of marriage in church with a young Englishman she was accused of bigamy.

But even had the first marriage been with a man of her own nationality, it would still have been a tragedy. Children of fifteen should be in school.

We know a lot about the evils of child-marriage in the East. It is an outrage on Nature which Nature never forgives.

Yet in 1927 we had thousands of such immature unions. The Registrar-General, in his review of marriage statistics for 1927, shows that boy-and-girl unions are growing in number. Thirty-four 1927 brides were only fifteen years old, twelve of the bridegrooms were only sixteen.

Altogether, at various ages, 58,000 youngsters under twenty-one made their irrevocable choice for life and seventeen old men of over seventy took girls in their 'teens for their second wives. Some old women also took very young men for husbands and may be dismissed as freaks.

Married misery

Analysis of the marriage statistics of any country would reveal very curious anomalies, and if that was all would hardly be worth investigating.

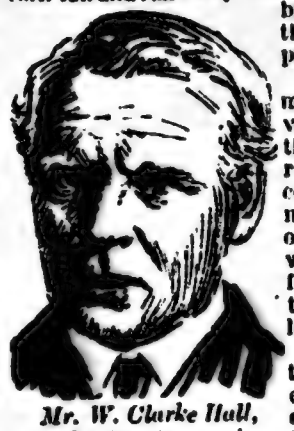
What makes enquiry worth while is the fact that along with this growing popularity of marriage for youngsters comes a correspondingly large amount of sheer unhappiness and misery in married life.

I get innumerable letters from both men and women, and in reviewing them I find the greater proportion of them are about married misery.

These are from men and women who are too poor to seek relief through the divorce court, or whose partners have run away and left them, or are behaving in such an abominable manner that home happiness has become impossible.

It is because, with all my heart, I long to help my correspondents that I turn again to this vital matter of love, marriage and happiness.

To begin with, I have no patience at all with those who, because things have not turned out as well as they expected, simply turn tail and run away from their responsibilities. It is the coward's plan.



Mr. W. Clarke Hall, Old Street magistrate

This does not mean that divorce is never the right and reasonable course. I would not keep anyone, if they wished to be free, in bondage to a hopeless lunatic.

I think also that desertion over a long term of years should leave the deserted free to marry again, if they wish. It is both cruel and wicked to keep anyone tied to a mere name, and then if a second union be adventured promptly pounced upon with an accusation of bigamy.

There are other proper grounds for "dissolution of partnership," but what we are now concerned with is not divorce but this question of married happiness.

What makes married happiness? Some people will unhesitatingly tell you, "Ample means. Where poverty comes in at the door, love flies out of the window." Utter stuff and nonsense, as the divorce courts (there were 3,124 decrees made absolute last year) prove.

One of the most unsolvable problems of married unhappiness ever brought to my notice is that of a woman whose income runs into £2,000 a year.

Another is that of a woman who is absolutely penniless except for the charity of friends. Another is that of a couple both in the heyday of health and equally well able to earn their own livings.

Raise the age-limit!

Money and married happiness are not connected terms, unless one partner's imbecility takes the form of "playing ducks and drakes" with whatever income there is.

Here we come to the very heart of the conundrum. And here lies its only solution. Marriage must be a spiritual communion rather than a mere physical union or it is foredoomed to failure.

Where there is community of interests, where both are interested in the same things, have the same ideals and the same views for advancement and improvement, there is companionship, and in friendship and companionship there is happiness.

A man and his wife need not always do the same things, go to the same places and share the same friends. It would be rather dull if they did.

I am not against youthful marriage as such, but in these times both should reach twenty-one before the knot is tied.

That is the time of maturity, and though judgment may still be immature it need not be childish. To prevent calamities the marriage age must be raised, as it should have been raised long ago.

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YOU women who have read this article must have problems on which you want light, difficulties you want solving, things you want to know more about. Write in confidence to Mabel Horner, c/o "John Bull," and tell her what you want to know. She will be delighted to help you through our pages.

WHAT IS *YOUR* UNLUCKY DAY?

Laugh the Bogies Away

AN eminent scientist has lately given his opinion that everyone nurses at least one superstition, whether they admit it or not.

Some fear disaster if they spill salt, others won't cross knives. Most people hate to walk under ladders, which, after all, is a pretty wise precaution if the man on top is slopping paint about!

More deep seated, because rooted in religion, is the tendency to regard Friday as a day of ill-luck. "He who laughs on Friday will weep on Sunday" asserts the old proverb.

According to mediæval romance fairies and all the tribes of elves are converted into hideous animals on Fridays, with leave to do their best to plague mankind.

Welcome, postman

On the other hand, in more recent times so many important political events have been consummated on Fridays that Americans consider it their lucky day.

In our own country, Sir William Churchill wrote: "Friday is my lucky day. I was born, christened, married and knighted on that day, and all my best luck has befallen on a Friday."

JOHN BULL cannot bestow knighthoods, even on registered readers, but JOHN BULL can and does post cheques that reach recipients on Friday, and more than one has written in to declare that henceforth "Friday is the lucky day!"

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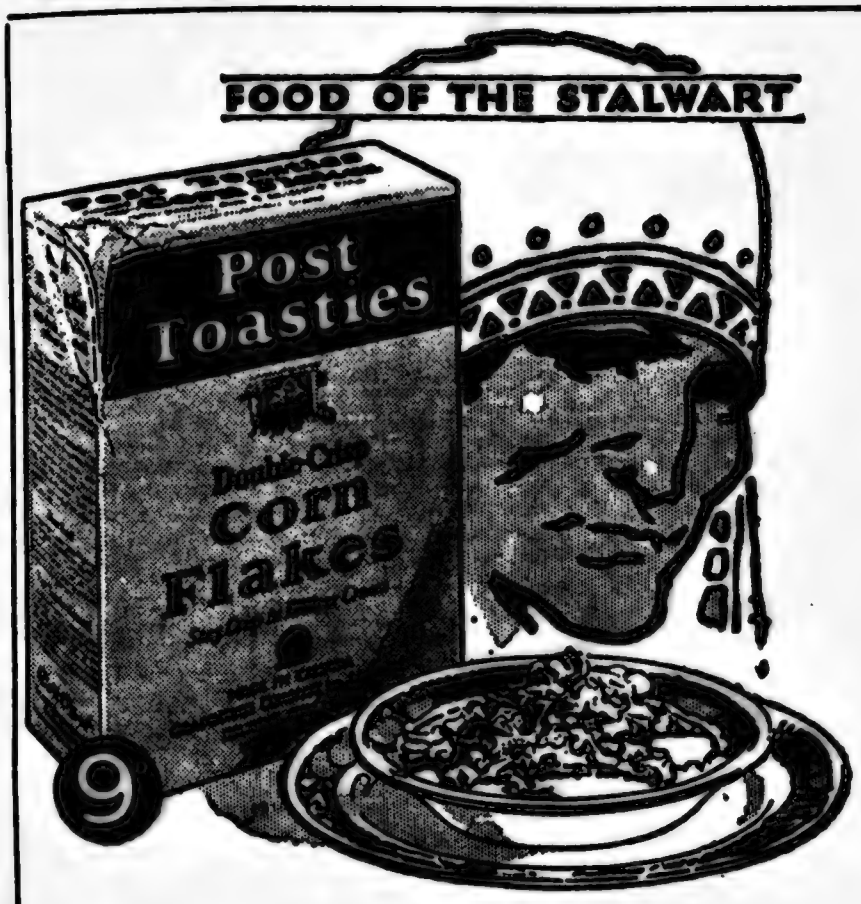

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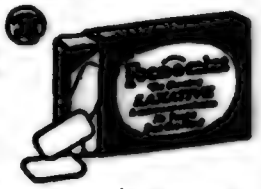

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"AFTER many fruitless efforts to obtain employment, my husband, a tailor, acquired outside work in response to an advertisement.

"He was given a coat to make and his employer evinced every satisfaction, but when my husband went for his pay on the Saturday, he was amazed to receive only 13s. 9d., whereas he had always received 25s. 9d. and extras per coat.

"This happened a week before Christmas, and fearing he was merely required temporarily, my husband neglected to acquaint the guardians that he had done this work because we were terribly poor.

"One of my children has just been discharged from the hospital with the injunction that plenty of good nourishment was his only chance of recovery.

"The firm, however, did send my husband more work, but at the sweated prices already mentioned. For months we lived in dread of exposure, because we were afraid to report after omitting to do so in the first instance.

"One Friday afternoon I was obliged to go to the firm for some hooks for a tunic my husband was making, and in my absence the relieving officer called and caught my husband sewing. He reported it and my husband was summoned and sentenced to six months' hard labour, which broke our hearts.

"I was confined six days before his conviction and am still in hospital.

"On reading the newspaper report I was astounded to learn that I was helping to sew, which was a lie, but I was advised to let the matter drop. The firm re-employed my husband on his discharge.

"LAST year a Trade Board inspector called at our house to know my husband's scale of pay. He was reluctant to give the information, preferring to work at the sweated rate sooner than be workless. But the inspector told us he could see the books at my husband's firm if he refused to tell; therefore, he was informed.

"He called again and stated that subsequent rates were to be 22s. 10d.—namely, 1s. 5½d. an hour instead of 7½d. hitherto received.

"After that no further work was forthcoming. Subsequently a summons arrived for my husband to attend the firm's offices in Sheffield, when the managing director asked my husband what lies he had been telling the inspector, and my husband's explanations were drowned by the director's shouts of "Liar—Don't forget you have been down the line," and similar abuse.

"This director is a member of the Master Tailors' Federation, and at meetings advocates a living wage for all.

"Owing to the insufficient stamping of my husband's insurance cards, my husband was deprived of my maternity benefit. At the present time we are almost destitute and have five little children to feed somehow."

"HUMANIST" says: *I have the utmost sympathy with you and your husband in the suffering you have been called upon to endure. It looks to me as though your husband's employer has been guilty of grave deception if he denied your husband's assertions as to the wages he received, but unless he falsified the books the proof should be there.*

Your husband should approach the Amalgamated Union of Tailors and Garment Workers with a view to membership and the possibility of his case being investigated.

Although the lapse of time would preclude your obtaining the maternity benefit to which you were entitled by virtue of your husband's personal contributions, it is not too late to report the circumstances to the police in order that so unscrupulous a hypocrite might be brought to justice.

In view of your husband's action, I hope the guardians will not condemn your innocent children to suffer privation by denying outdoor relief.

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In the Grip of Vice

"I AM happily married and have three little ones, but my one great trouble is my husband's addiction to the habit of gambling.

"He earns but a small wage, which is just sufficient to keep us comfortably with very little to spare. Hitherto this has not worried me, for I have a small legacy which is paid annually.

"Owing to my husband's perpetual gambling debts, I have repeatedly given him this money to extricate him from his financial difficulties.

"It is my great ambition to save this legacy until I have sufficient for the purchase of a small business.

"Of this project my husband is fully aware, and I have pleaded with him to abandon gambling until the futility of arguing has tired my patience, so finally I refused to pay any more of his debts.

"Willingly would I go to my husband's rescue, foolish as it may be, for I love him dearly, but the future of my children bids me restrain the impulse.

"My husband is now urging me to give him another chance and to draw on the money, for he is again in difficulties."

"HUMANIST" says: *I think you must realise that if your husband expects you to demonstrate your affection for him by continually paying his gambling debts at the expense of his children's future, you are perfectly justified in refusing to pay any more.*

On the contrary, I think you should ask him for proof of his love by giving up the vice which is keeping his wife poor and stinting his children of comforts.

Let your husband find the wherewithal to settle his pressing claims this time, and when he has experienced the worry of doing so he will think many times before he yields to the temptation of get-rich-quick methods which enrich only those who live to batten on the unwary.

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A Base Lover

"FOR the past twelve months I have been keeping company with a schoolmaster and during the summer he prevailed upon me to accompany him on a holiday, staying at an hotel as man and wife.

"During this fortnight he promised marriage and all arrangements were in preparation for the event to take place.

"The day before we were to have been married my future husband vanished, after writing me a letter saying that he had postponed the wedding.

"After five dreadful weeks of suspense, misery and doubt, he returned home, when I asked him what his plans were. His reply was, 'Everything is off.'

"He now tells me repeatedly that he has ceased to care; I no longer attract him; that we are unsuitable, and if I should ultimately cajole him into marriage he promises me a perfectly dreadful time.

"Certain enquiries concerning him have elicited the information that he has treated other girls in the same shameful fashion. He pesters them with every attention and then when they have succumbed to his blandishments and subsequently to his desires, he tosses them aside like an old glove.

"Whenever we meet he subjects me to indignities and mental torture, yet I care for him above all men. What can I do? Should I appeal to his headmaster to induce him to marry me?"

"HUMANIST" says: *You certainly have every reason to feel aggrieved at the heartless treatment your erstwhile lover has meted out to you, but in the interests of any future happiness you must not allow your misplaced affection to overrule your common-sense.*

It is surely against your better judgment that you would unite yourself with a man so bankrupt in morals and decency of purpose.

His threat to "give you a perfectly dreadful time," and his hateful admission that you "cease to attract him" are proof conclusive that such a union could offer more of horror than of connubial bliss.

As you would drop a poisonous reptile so drop this man, whose influence cannot be more deadly to your self-respect or hope of future happiness. Certainly abandon your suggestion of appealing to his headmaster.

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TROUBLED?

"HUMANIST" deals on this page with difficult problems of life that may be yours. Names and addresses are suppressed so that the writers cannot be identified.

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Work the Remedy

"My sister obtained a separation from her husband on the ground of his cruelty. She finds it impossible to manage on the allowance, and would like to know what she may do since her husband could afford more."

"Humanist" says: *Apply to the court for the order to be increased. If unsuccessful she can ask for help from the guardians, but they may suggest that she should work to augment the allowance.*

Duty or Sentiment

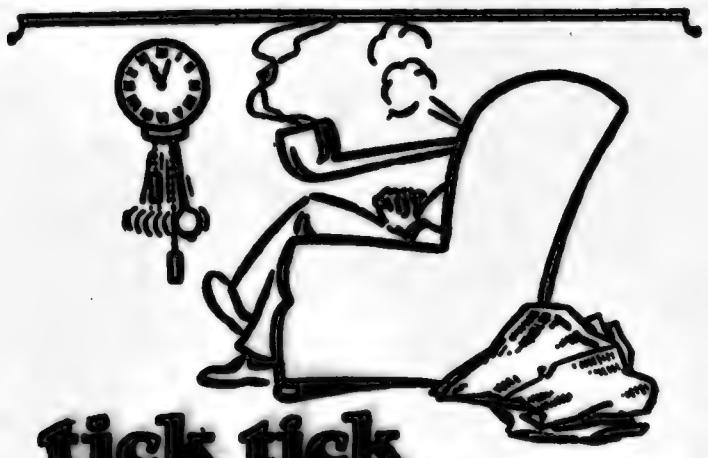
"My friend's father and eldest brother are in an asylum. My friend himself is engaged to an extremely nice girl, of whom he is very fond, but he is so afraid of losing her that he refuses to tell her of his unfortunate family history. What is your opinion?"

"Humanist" says: *Your friend is selfish, not only to his affianced wife, but to any possible offspring. You should have a frank and serious talk with him, but I think you must leave the decision to his own good sense.*

Innocent Wrongdoing

"Four of my seven children attend school and hitherto I have had no reason to suspect any dishonest tendency among them. Last week, however, my eldest, who is seven, succumbed to the temptation of taking a penny off the teacher's desk which was left with other money to test the children's honesty. Do you not think the teacher's action blameworthy in tempting children and then branding them as thieves?"

"Humanist" says: *I think there must have been complaints of theft, and the teacher was anxious to detect the culprit, but I do not in the least admire her methods. Your boy is too young to be branded as a thief. Explain the true nature of his fault so that he may know better.*



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Our Letter Parliament

The WORLD'S WORST POISON

IN JOHN BULL of September 22, Mr. Arnold Freeman Holt, in "Shameful Shop Windows," draws attention to a matter of extreme urgency. The trade in unwholesome books and objectionable post-cards is on a widespread scale, and at its worst in the very poorest quarters. The Home Secretary had better bestir himself. If the law as at present constituted does not give him wide enough powers, then fresh legislation must be passed.—*Wholesome, London.*

The Blind Eye

The Home Secretary was quite right in banning Miss Radclyffe Hall's book. Where he erred was in banning this book while there are books that should never have been published and advertised in the daily and weekly papers as books that everyone should read. The vogue in books dealing with sex matters is slowly undermining the morals of the nation.—*J. T., Leith.*

Lesson Needed

Prosecution of the producers and retailers of filthy books and disgusting post-cards is surely within the existing powers of the police, who are quick enough to act in any case of obscenity on the stage. Wholesale seizure and destruction would rid our towns of this pollution, and all concerned in the disgraceful business should be taught a salutary lesson.—*J. J. A., Birmingham.*

Waiting for a Lead

"Literary garbage" is an accurate description of the poison displayed by certain London booksellers, and, as Mr. A. F. Holt points out, is much more "getatable" by the young and ignorant than high-priced novels on similar subjects. Why welfare workers amongst young people have not united to put pressure upon the Home Secretary to ban this kind of nauseous literature is a mystery. Once again, seemingly, they have waited until JOHN BULL led the way.—*D. G., London.*

We Are Funny!

Much could be done to smash the growing trade in evil literature if every reader of JOHN BULL who comes in contact with it sent a brief note to the Home Secretary demanding the abolition of this lustful but lucrative trade. It is a strange anomaly that a film censor may ban a film for a too-long osculatory close-up, yet a book can be sold openly which goes further in gross indecency without hindrance or official condemnation.—*R. J. H., New Seaham.*

Shock for "Jix"

Bad as the half-crown or shilling books in indecency may be, they cannot be compared to the filthy picture post-cards sold in thousands in every town and seaside resort. If every father and mother would purchase one and send it to the Home Secretary he would have the shock of his life, and blush for the honour of the stately homes of England, whose young life is being morally poisoned by the foul prints.—*H., Lancashire.*

Cunning Pens

Whereas the lewd post-card picture is bad enough, it is in the smuggled book of evil fiction that the real dangers of corruption lie. I have known one book, devilishly written with an eye to passion-raising, to be quietly circulated throughout an entire office staff of 600, both male and female. Where the obviously coarse may largely revolt, the cunning pen of exotic writers captures the breathless curiosity and primitive instincts of the youthful.—*S. W. S., Lancashire.*

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is the best alternative to the present farce of Party Politics?

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Week to Remember

In view of many towns having what they call "Civic Weeks," would it not be well if the corporation gave employment to all out of work that week in particular, so as to make it memorable? In a town where there are two corporations—for instance, the Liverpool Corporation and the Mersey Dock and Harbour Board—I am sure all the unemployed could be absorbed there.—*J. O., Wallasey.*

[The above letter has been awarded the special prize of one guinea]

The Real Remedy

With most of Mr. E. Roffe Thompson's article (JOHN BULL, September 22) his readers will agree. But, admitting the deadly menace of the aeroplane in warfare, does his conclusion follow that the manufacture and use of aeroplanes should therefore be prohibited? Aviation is capable of valuable and beneficent service to humanity. The remedy is to abolish war, not aeroplanes.—*D. M., Tolleridge.*

New Sentence

At a North of England court an intelligent boy, free from criminal motives yet guilty of criminal actions, was charged with housebreaking. The opinion of medical specialists was sought, and the boy was ordered by the magistrate to have his tonsils cut. This is a hopeful sign of our changing attitude towards crime. Many evil-doers are consigned to prison who ought to be sent to hospital.—*W. J., Dumbarton.*

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Boycott the Brigands!

Farmers and dairymen have been considering the price of milk, and now demand a higher price than has ruled for years past. It is time the public took a hand in the matter. Granted that milk is an essential item of food, the health of adults would not seriously suffer by abstention for a time. In the case of babies, any clinic will give a list of substitutes quite satisfactory and in some cases even better for the child. Cows will continue to give their present supply of milk, and farmers and dairymen, with this on their hands, will consider the matter again.—*J., Palmer's Green, N.*

Saving Tools

Many years ago, following a dreadful train disaster in the North, when many lives were lost, I wrote to the President of the Board of Trade and pointed out that several lives could have been saved had tools been carried on the train. Since then every train is equipped with an emergency set of tools. Is it not time this law was enforced on transport motors? An old lady was knocked down here by a motor-omnibus and because of the lack of tools she lay pinned beneath the 'bus some thirty minutes and died. Had suitable tools been available she might have been saved.—*M. M., Greenock.*

Rail and Road

A month ago I had occasion to send a desk from Dundee to Edinburgh. The lowest quotation from the local road transport company being 15s., I decided to send by rail. The desk reached its destination in good condition, and the cost of carriage was only 4s. If this is typical, it seems as if the railway companies have nothing to fear in the way of goods competition from road transport.—*Transport, Dundee.*

Cost-of-Living Bogey

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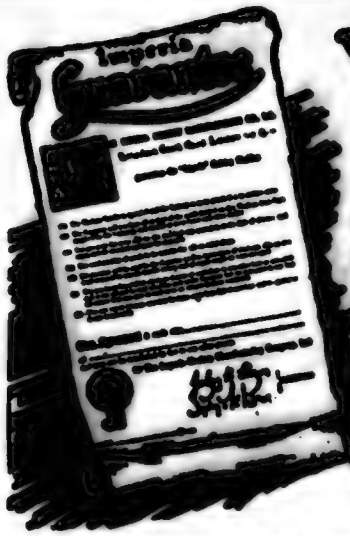
Vaccination Victim

My little son, who is six years old to-day, was vaccinated a year ago and since then has been a complete wreck—limbs semi-paralysed, speech gone, eye-sight practically gone and unable to use his arms. He was the picture of health before. As I sit here beside the cot of my invalid son writing these lines, I want to curse the Act of Parliament that is forced on parents by medical men to cause such terrible after-effects.—*W. K., Londonderry.*



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The DANGER of the "DOUBLE"

Hard Ground Affects Training

THE hard ground is affecting considerably the work of trainers, and those with horses entered in the big Autumn handicaps are experiencing a bad time. It is on the cards that some of the popular candidates, amongst others, may not go to the post. A lot of rain would alter the aspect; but horses short of work cannot get into trim of a sudden.

AS I write there is a suggestion in the air that rain is about, but a copious supply is needed to save the situation. Some of the training grounds are in an impossible condition from the point of view of training horses for races such as the Cesarewitch and the Cambridgeshire. I counsel my readers to go warily in the matter of backing their fancies. Several eliminations are probable if the weather doesn't break the right way. Old Orkney and Primrose League have already gone out.

THE market on the big double is somewhat lifeless. This year there appears to be little or no kick in the ante-post betting; the lists are not causing the keen interest that has obtained in former years.

IN considering the top-weight, Bois Josselyn, in the Cesarewitch, I cannot see this one winning with an impost of 8 st. 13 lb. On looking up records I note that Willonyx won with 9 st. 5 lb. in 1911, but there is a doubt about the finishing speed of the French horse, and that could not be said of Willonyx.

MORE to everybody's liking must be Brown Jack, a fully-exposed horse and a proved stayer. With 8 st. 5 lb., this four-year-old looks good; he is real game, which can also be said of Arctic Star, another of proved ability. There is time enough in which to give an outright tip for each of the big races, and I will defer further discussion of them until next week. It is, however, of interest to note that quite a few four-year-olds have won the Cesarewitch with the same weight, or thereabout, as Brown Jack—Son-in-Law, 8 st. 5 lb; Furore, 8 st. 6 lb.; Yutoi, 8 st. 5 lb; Rose Prince, 8 st. 3 lb.; Clarion, 8 st. 4 lb; Corrie Roy, 8 st. 7 lb.

F. DARLING'S Sunny Trace is now in the betting limelight for the Cambridgeshire, and there is a certain amount of reason on the side of those who are inclined to put forward a claim for his chances. His trainer should know what is wanted, of course, but I think the winner of this race will spring from another quarter.

THE Cambridgeshire has a betting market at the moment which, I think, will see many changes before October 31. Advice given in connection with the first half of the autumn double can be applied to this race; backers can defer their betting, though those who are keen on the *very* sporting chance are not to be deterred.

ONE of them in writing to me states that last Wednesday night, having a bad cold, he imbibed quite a lot of whisky on retiring to bed, and then dreamed that Old Orkney had won the Cesarewitch! He backed it the next morning and the following day it was scratched!!

Capt. Cooch, trainer of Kinchinjunga, a Cesarewitch candidate

GANG WARILY, with 7st. 8lb. in the Duke of York Handicap at Kempton Park, has been scratched for that event, but this one is left in the Cambridgeshire, and is apparently fancied a bit. W. Nightingall would not entertain an angel in his stable unawares, but I would not take this one as my choice at this juncture.

MR. J. de ROTHSCHILD won the Cambridgeshire in 1919 with Brigand and again in 1921 with Milenko, and rumour has it that possibly the performance may be repeated with Caporal, a four-year-old. Caporal (Passebruol-Birdseye) is weighted with 7st. 1 lb. F. C. Pratt knows the type for the race, and I confess that this one interests me, though not enough to write of him as a possible winner.

THERE was a surprise result in last week's racing that gave backers a jar. Roigrey, an odds-on favourite for the Malton Plate at York, was beaten easily by "Atty" Persse's charge, Star Eyes; and it may be that lack of rain had affected Peacock's two-year-old. Roigrey's "Gimcrack" form certainly justified his market position at York.

OUR good friend, Edgar Wallace, writing recently on the Gaming Act, mentioned that if a layer defaults he is a ruined man in his profession, *always supposing that he occupied any position.* The italics are mine. Backers should realise that to place business with bookmakers who have stood the test of years at the game is the obvious and sensible course.

NEWMARKET, Alexandra Park, and Thirsk cover the week-end racing. For the Bretby Welter Handicap at Newmarket I favour Western Sun, and my selection for the Arncliffe Handicap at Thirsk is Lord Warden. At "Ally Pally" on Saturday I suggest King's Parade for the Totteridge "Seller" and Brass Knob for the October Nursery Handicap.

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3 DRAWN.—Bolton v. Bury, Tottenham v. Hull, Coventry v. Brentford.

3 HOME, 3 AWAY.—Rotherham, Charlton, Queen's Park Rangers, Southampton, Swindon.

1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAWN.—Luton, Aston Villa, Middlesbrough v. Notts County.

SPECIAL 8 HOME (LEAGUES I. and II.).—Burnley, Cardiff, Everton, Clapton, Stoke.

FORECASTS FOR OCTOBER 13.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

HOME WINNERS.—Arsenal, Aston Villa, Derby, Leeds, Leicester, Manchester U., Sheffield W., Sunderland.

AWAY WINNER.—Portsmouth.

DRAWN.—Blackburn v. Everton, Liverpool v. Newcastle.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

HOME WINNERS.—Barnsley, Bradford, Blackpool, Chelsea, Hull, Notts County.

AWAY WINNERS.—Notts Forest, Middlesbrough, Preston.

DRAWN.—Swansea v. Grimsby, Wolves v. Southampton.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Northern).

HOME WINNERS.—Darlington, Halifax, Lincoln, Nelson, Rochdale, South Shields, Stockport.

AWAY WINNER.—Wrexham.

DRAWN.—Ashington v. Bradford City, Crewe v. Wigan, Tranmere v. Rotherham.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Southern).

HOME WINNERS.—Brentford, Crystal Palace, Exeter, Luton, Newport, Southend, Swindon, Watford.

AWAY WINNER.—Charlton.

DRAWN.—Merthyr v. Norwich, Walsall v. Queen's Park Rangers.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—Aberdeen, Clyde, Falkirk, Hearts, Queen's Park, Raith R., Glasgow Rangers.

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DRAWN.—Kilmarnock v. Partick, Motherwell v. Celtic.

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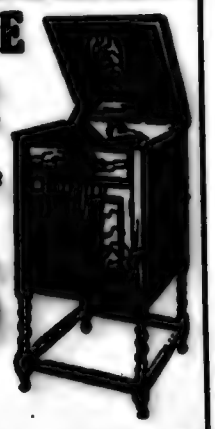
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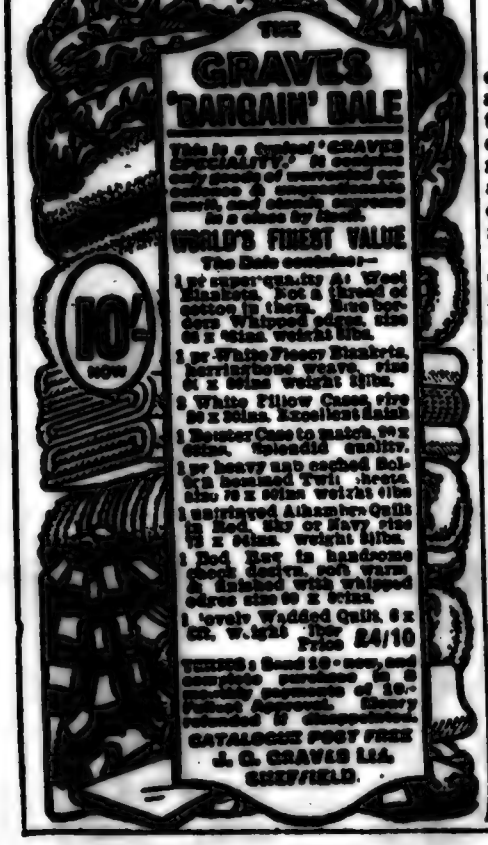

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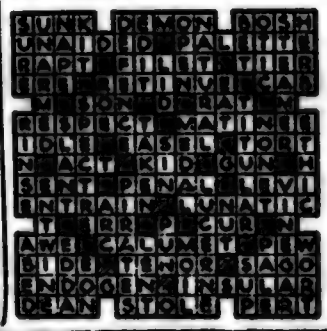

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THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service.

F. N. (Margate).—"What does LXX mean?" Love and two kisses.

ELLA (Thetford).—"It's my birthday to-day." How young are you this time?

JESSIE (Luton).—"Stolen kisses are sweet." But not unless they are returned.

MRS. G. (Morecambe).—"Let bygones be bygones." And don't make a hash of them.

B. S. T. (Selby).—"I hope I make my story perfectly clear." It seems a bit thick to us.

G. L. (Mitcham).—"Why are some theatre orchestras concealed?" Haven't you heard them?

J. B. (Stratford).—"I am going to teach boxing by post." You seem to write a good fist.

"VISITOR" (Lambeth).—"At home I work in a Ford factory." Tightening bolt No. 86,534A?

F. N. (Lancing).—"The hall of the hotel was full of waving palms." Did you have to tip them all?

M. F. (Hendon).—"I have joined a club which enables me to get cheap coal." Do you mean a slate club?

P. D. (Lancaster). — "Unhappily monied people are unenterprising." That's why they're monied people.

F. M. (London, N.).—"She now has delicately pencilled eyebrows." That probably took a lot of pluck.

G. G. (St. Albans).—"Even a worm will turn." But the trouble is he doesn't look any better on the other side.

C. P. (Regent's Park).—"I'm sure some of the animals at the Zoo laugh." Well, think of the sights they see!

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F. M. (Dunhill).—"A week after their wedding they were throwing crockery at each other." Few couples settle down to married life so quickly.

F. N. (Edmonton).—"I was thrown in the air and found myself sitting astride on the bonnet of the car." What a quaint mascot you must have looked!

F. N. H. (Hadlow).—"I make a rule never to cash a cheque. I wouldn't do it for my own brother." Well, you know your brother better than we do.

E. B. (Chelsea).—"I do just as I think." Lazy fellow!

M. A. (Filey).—"I can't get into my shoes." Feet swelled, too?

H. I. (Guisbro').—"I like music to dinner." You like the din in it.

W. B. (Nairn).—"What makes some women ruin themselves for men? Men.

M. A. (Margate).—"Our boarding-house is right on the front." And has it no side?

MISS D. (Hoxton).—"Things may pay in the long run." Especially if they are taxicabs.

S. S. (Bradford).—"What I want is a softer job." Then you'll have to work a lot harder.

C. I. P. (Twyford).—"I shot five lions in fifteen minutes." We are sending out for some salt.

G. J. (Pontefract).—"Did I send you a funny story about a race-horse?" If it was funny, you didn't.

"ANGLER" (Bentham).—"I never lie about any fish I catch." Only about those you don't catch?

N. C. (Leigh).—"I don't know what the world is coming to." And if you did, you couldn't stop it.

MRS. L. (Blackburn).—"My husband and three sons are all terrible croakers." Boys of the bull-frog breed!

ARTHUR (Boston).—"She swears that she has never been kissed by a man." That's enough to make any girl swear.

MRS. V. (Kirkstall).—"Can superfluous flesh be removed by rubbing with a lump of ice?" No, but a lump of ice can.

P. H. (Sudbury).—"Poverty sends many a poor chap to prison." And others go who are simply coining money.

MRS. T. (Farnborough).—"I slipped and cut myself in the pantry." How did you manage to fall face downwards?

"MOTORIST" (Canning Town).—"No court will ever be able to endorse my licence?" Because you haven't got one?

T. B. (Goole).—"When I told her, my wife was dumbfounded." Gosh! What did you tell her? Every husband will want to know.

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N. T. (Snowden).—"When I marry I want a girl who is pretty, clever, rich, a good cook and a musician." We're afraid that means a harem.

J. B. (Charlton).—"Ten minutes before the train was due to leave our carriage was absolutely packed full." And how many more did the porters wedge in?

J. E. L. (Gargrave).—"You'd never catch a lawyer writing piffle about a girl's 'starry eyes.'" He would merely refer to the aforesaid orbs, optics, or visual organs.

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F. N. F. (Camberwell).—"It must be splendid to know everything." It is.

F. L. (Hull).—"Egyptians are mean." That's why it's called the Near East.

P. K. (York).—"He's six feet in his boots." And how many heads in his hat?

VERA (Brighton).—"It sometimes pays to be good." And it's always good to be paid.

A. J. (Reigate).—"I've never had a photo taken that did me justice." Perhaps it's just as well.

T. L. (Leeds).—"The moths ate my wife's new dress." And then died from starvation?

F. M. (Penarth).—"Who discovered Australia?" A man in Piccadilly with a road-drill.

C. N. (Peckham).—"I am off to find an asylum in Russia." Evidently just what you need.

V. J. (Basingstoke).—"What does 'R.D.' on a cheque really mean?" Run dry.

H. G. (Stockton).—"I swallowed my false teeth." Well, now you know where they are, anyway.

F. L. (Ipswich).—"What about that joke I sent you six months ago?" We haven't seen it yet.

D. W. (Hornsey).—"Do you remember the occasion when I made such an awful fool of myself?" Which?

W. F. (Winslow).—"I was fined 40s. for engaging in a free fight." Then it wasn't a free fight.

F. L. (Shoreham).—"Drugs are bad for the brain." Nonsense. People with brains never take drugs.

MRS. J. (Keighley).—"A cold atmosphere soon freezes enthusiasm." Yet a frosty look may make one burn with indignation.

MRS. R. (Gargrave).—"Mothers should carefully train these young servants in the way they should go." They'll go without that!

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O. L. B. (Stoke).—"So far as cards are concerned, I find that I win one day and lose the next." Why don't you play every other day?

MISS A. (Kew).—"I think a hymn would be much more fitting at weddings than that everlasting march." "Fight the good fight with all thy might"?

L. T. (Stamford).—"Women cashiers very seldom run off with their employers' money." And if they do, they generally take the employer with them.

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R. J. (Hounslow).—"I'm sure I don't know what to think." Or how?

B. T. B. (Dover).—"My wife has given me an awful tie." Grin and wear it.

D. G. (Barrow).—"I am tired of doing nothing." Is there nothing doing?

W. O. (Blackheath).—"Eat fruit and be happy." Eat fruit and avoid the pip.

O. Y. (Saltburn).—"I can always obtain grub on credit." Tick for tuck!

G. N. C. (St. Helens).—"Does Iceland export anything?" Only depressions.

B. W. (Stanton).—"Taxes on food hit the poor hard." And always below the belt.

T. P. (Winchester).—"Snakes seldom bite men." And men don't often snap at snakes.

HENPECKED (Camborne).—"My wife is a terrible fault finder." Where did she find you?

R. E. (Reading).—"I pick out my winners with a pin." Why don't you use a fork and find the first three?

F. P. (Brighton).—"He asked me where the town-hall was, although any fool knows that." Well, he asked you didn't he?

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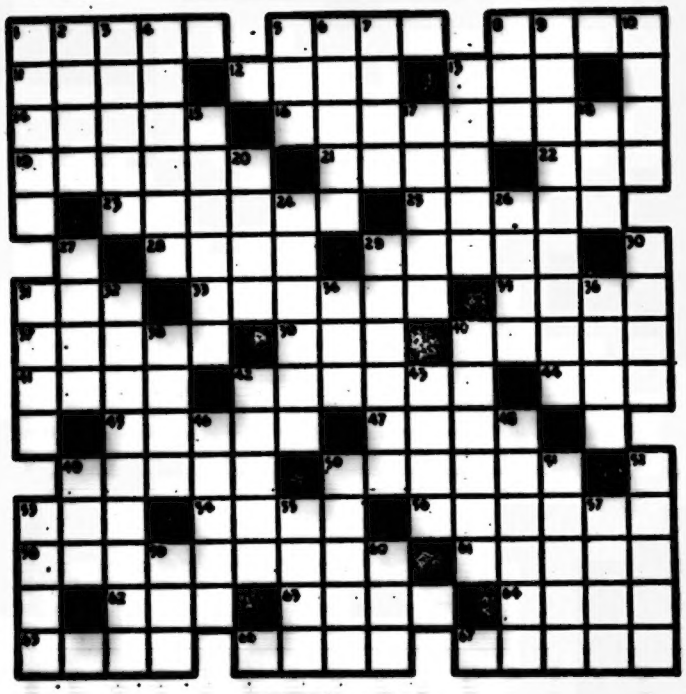

CLUES ACROSS

1. Frighten.
5. Grave.
8. Part of the finger.
11. High note.
12. Heal.
13. Intoxicant.
14. Instructor.
16. Regiment.
19. Moderated.
21. A side.
22. Floor covering.
23. To purify.
25. Guide.
26. Sandhill.
29. A planet.
31. Acriform fluid.
33. A sporting dog.
35. Dreadful.
37. Solitary.
38. Personal pronoun.
40. Japanese flower.
41. Volume.
42. Association.
44. Nevertheless.
45. Earnest.
47. Gaelic.
48. Leathern strip.
50. Grey matter.
53. Exclamation of disgust.
54. Cotton gauze.
56. A cuirass.
58. A leading article.
61. Called.
62. A pinch.
63. Staff.
64. Blood.
65. Fury.
66. A ancient Sanskrit hymn.
67. Principle.

CLUES DOWN

1. The devil.
2. A cudgel.
3. Extract of flowers.
4. Established
5. A bath.
6. Speak.
7. Measure.
8. Nothing.
9. Spite.
10. Medicated cotton.
13. Urchin.
15. To decline.
17. Long thin candle.
18. Cereal.
20. To feed.
24. Lower.
26. A board game.
27. Luminous ring.
29. Church official.
30. To joke.
31. Entrance.
32. Thing of importance
34. Beverage.
36. Regretted
38. Close.
40. Injury.
42. Outcast.
43. Mountain range.
46. Quick melody.
48. To increase.
49. Sorrowful.
50. Committee.
51. The simple one.
52. Young soldier.
53. Carry.
55. Pleasant.
57. To cover with wax.
59. Fasten.
60. A meadow.

The solution of our last week's Puzzle will be found on page 36.

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FEELING THE DRAUGHT
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HEAD OF THE HOUSE
STRANGERS
CHARITY IS DISTRESS
CHRISTMAS
FUTURE HERE OR
REALITIES
BRAIN WORKING
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FATHER'S GOOD
READY TO FIGHT
TOWARDS THE LIGHT
HOME VARIETY
OUR SCIENTISTS
ARMADILLO
A TON OF COAL
WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN
LADY PRISONER
POLTRY
ED BASIL
ARE MEN FOOLISH?

RESULT OF COMPETITION No. 689

FIRST PRIZE OF £600:

Mr. H. T. CHALMERS, 35, Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw, N.B.
Example:—OUR ONLY HOPE
Bullet:—GOVERNMENT—GOVERNMENT'S ONLY HOPING.
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

SECOND PRIZE OF £50:

Mr. H. [illegible], 12, Belmont Park, Lewisham, S.E.
Example:—FILM QUEEN
Bullet:—UNEASY LIES *Husband's* HEAD.

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Example:—IN AGREEMENT
Bullet:—MANKIND—*And* SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS.

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E. HOULDEN, Humberstone Avenue, near Grimsby.
NOT ENOUGH—"ENCUMBRANCES"—TOO MANY BURDENS.
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WHEN THE CHEESE COMES—"JIB" CAN'T RECEIVE *Baldwin*.
H. KING, 14, Selby Road, Anerley.
NOT TOO OLD—TO ATTEMPT BOY'S WAGE.

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E. PAGE, 8, Redhill, N. Harvest, Hants.
RECEDING TIDE SHOWS LIGHT—EVERYBODY—TO USE ACCIDENT.
A. ROCHEFIELD, The Priory, St. Ives.
WHEN MILLIONAIRE DIES—OF OVERWORK, SLACKER ASTOUNDED.

2 Prizes of £14 each:

MRS. F. HOUSE, Elm Tree House, Stowell, Som.
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I. WALTERS, 6, Carlton Terrace, Blackpool.
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J. HILTON, Wigtoft, near Boston, Lincs.
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J. MURRAY, Castle Road, Dollar, N.B.
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C. NOAKES, The Willows, Black Bourton, Oxford.
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A. E. TAYLOR, 19, Drayton Green, London, W.
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(Continued on page 2.)

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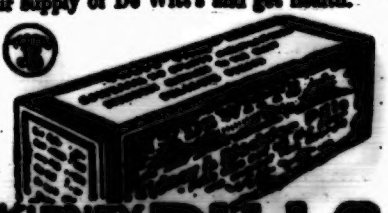

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